

Self-Funded Retirees Domestic Waste Service

Detail of Policy

Short Title	Self-Funded Retirees Domestic Waste Service
Division	Corporate Services
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COUNCIL POLICY

OBJECTIVE:

To provide a form of financial relief for rate paying self-funded retirees within Willoughby City Council.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Council will introduce an alternative domestic waste service charge for self-funded retirees within the Council area, the fee will be known as "Domestic Waste Service SFR". The fee will be set by Council each year and will be less than the domestic waste fee.

Council will charge the fee for the provision of the Domestic Waste Service SFR as advertised in Council's Annual Management Plan for those ratepayers meeting the criteria within this policy.

The criteria will include;

1. The self-funded retiree must reside at the property. A self-funded retiree with more than one property may only have the charge applied to their principal place of residence.
2. The self-funded retiree must be in possession of the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, must be aged 70 or over at the date of issue of the notice and have resided continuously within the Willoughby City Council area for the past 15 years.
3. The self-funded retiree must own the property. Part ownership will entitle the ratepayers to the SFR domestic waste service except where provided in item 4.

Nursing Homes and Retirement Villages are not entitled to the service, as the residents are not owners of the property.

4. A household that is receiving all or part of the pension rebate will not be entitled to the SFR domestic waste service.
5. The self-funded retiree must be the owner of the property at 1st July of the rating year to be entitled to the SFR domestic waste service for that year. There will be no pro rata adjustments made throughout the rating year.
6. An application form is to be completed each year by self-funded retiree ratepayers seeking the alternative domestic waste service fee. The application form will include a statutory declaration to be signed by the self-funded retiree and a photocopy of the current Commonwealth Seniors Health Card will be required for each application. Application may be made in person at Council's Customer Service Counter or by posting in the completed form with a copy of the current Commonwealth Seniors Health Card. The application form can be obtained by phoning Council's Customer Service Counter or by downloading the form from Council's website. Application forms for subsequent years will be forwarded to self-funded retirees who received the SFR Domestic Waste Service in the previous rating period. The application must be received at Council by 31st October of the current rating year.
7. An application for the Domestic Waste Service SFR will only be accepted for the current rating period. Applications for the Domestic Waste Service SFR rate will not be backdated for previous years.
8. Where a self-funded retiree is paying for more than one domestic waste service only the first service shall be at the SFR domestic waste service rate.