



Statement of Proposal

Control of Dogs Bylaw

Reason for the proposal

The current Control of Dogs Bylaw allows for any property owner to keep as many dogs as they wish to. The Council has identified a potential issue with residential properties having the ability to have as many dogs as they wish.

The proposal

Council is proposing an amendment to the Control of Dogs Bylaw allowing for a maximum of two dogs in residential areas with any further requiring a multi-dog permit.

The proposed fee for a multi dog permit is \$30.00 which would need to be applied for every three years.

Key aspects of the proposal

Allowing for any number of dogs on a residential property could easily create a nuisance for neighbours therefore the proposed restriction to a maximum of two dogs in residential areas would reduce the possibility of this. The amendment excludes dogs under the age of three months which means the amendment to the Bylaw takes into consideration those in residential areas could still breed and house a litter of puppies.

Residential properties would need to apply for a multi-dog permit for any more than two dogs.

The amendment excludes dogs under three months allowing residential dog owners to still have a litter of puppies.

Section 37(8) of the Dog Control Act 1996 provides that no increase in the dog control fees for any year shall come into effect other than at the commencement of that year. This means while the permit system would be introduced this year, the fee of \$30.00 would not be enacted until 1 July 2021. Meaning any permits applied for and approved would have the fee waived up until 30 June 2021.

Implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990

The proposed amendment to the Bylaw does not place unreasonable limitation on rights established under the Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Submissions

Written submissions on the proposed amendment to the Control of Dogs Bylaw may be made from 25 September until noon, 25 October 2020. Submission forms are available from Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton, from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may request a form be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522. Parties who make a written submission may also make an oral



submission. Oral submissions are scheduled for 29 October 2020 at the Council Chambers in Marton. You need to indicate on your submission form if you wish to speak to your submission.

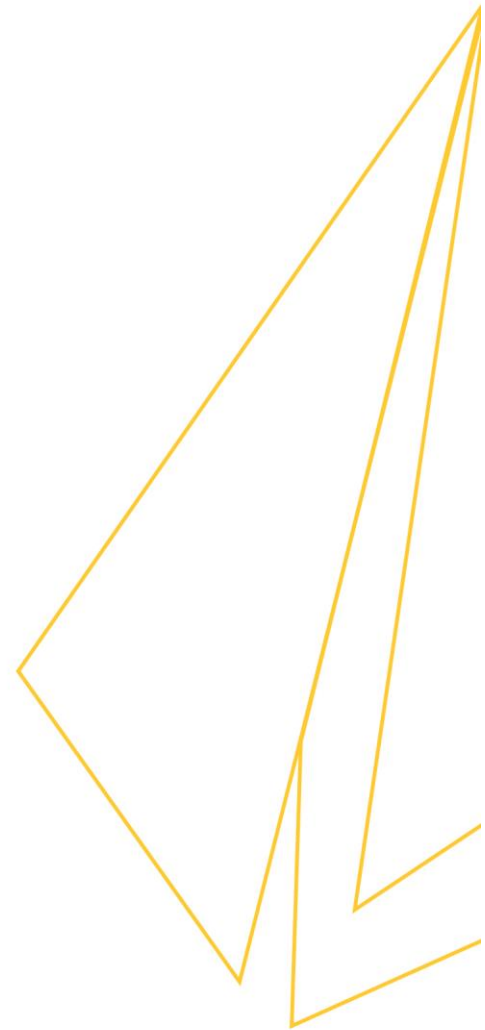
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Further information

Further information, including the Statement of Proposal and a submission form, is available at the following places:

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If you have any questions please contact George Forster, Policy Analyst.



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