



16 February 2026

[REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy which is available on the Council's website [LGOIMA Request Policy: Rangitikei District Council](#)

Your request for information was received on 21 January 2026 and requested information for [REDACTED]. Your questions and our response can be found below:

*"I request the following information for the **2024/25** and **2025/26 Financial Year**:"*

#### Question 1:

*"Average residential rates*

- The **average (mean) residential costs** of rates and other Council charges, where **average residential costs = (A + B) / C**. Please ensure that the figures used (A, B, and C) are disclosed in the response, where:
- **A** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to residential rating units (inclusive GST);
- **B** is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to residential rating units (for example charges relating to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc.); and
- **C** is the number of residential rating units (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban).
- Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example retail sales of Council rubbish bags).
- If possible, the **median** residential rates payment (inclusive GST) by residential units.

Please include all residential rates in this calculation, regardless of location, as we are aiming to compare residential rating units (i.e. non-income producing) to non-residential (commercial/rural, income-producing)".

#### Response:

The average (mean) residential cost of rates for 2024/2025 was: \$3,440, where:

A = \$17,692,004

B = \$0

C = 5,143

The median residential rate (inclusive of GST) for 2024/2025 was \$3,756

The average (mean) residential cost of rates for 2025/2026 is: \$3,727, where:

A = \$19,258,632

B = \$0

C = 5,166

The median residential rate (inclusive of GST) for 2025/2026 is: \$4,057

**Question 2:**

*“Average non-residential rates*

- The average non-residential costs of rates and other Council charges, where average **non-residential costs = (X + Y) / Z**. Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:
- **X** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) (inclusive GST) charged by the Council to rating units except those defined as residential\*;
- **Y** is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to rating units except those defined as residential\* (for example, charges related to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc); and
- **Z** is the number of rating units except those defined as residential\* (however defined by the Council) within the Council’s district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for non-residential, please use the closest definition (such as commercial).
- Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example, retail sales of Council rubbish bags).

If possible, the **median** (inclusive GST) non-residential rates payment for the council.

\*Please ensure that this definition matches that used to calculate average residential rates so that the respective X values of both requests add up to total rates income for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Financial Year”.

**Response:**

The average (mean) non-residential cost of rates for 2024/2025 was: \$5,661, where:

X = \$18,167,179

Y = \$0

Z = 3,209

The median non-residential rate (inclusive of GST) for 2024/2025 was \$3,418

The average (mean) non-residential cost of rates for 2025/2026 is: \$6,064, where:

X = \$19,644,221

Y = \$0

Z = 3,239

The median residential rate (inclusive of GST) for 2025/2026 is: \$3,632

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at RDC Official Information - Proactive Release with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email [lgoima@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:lgoima@rangitikei.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

LGOIMA Officer  
**Rangitikei District Council**