

## Council By-law Review 2025

### Summary of Changes

Mid Murray Council has undertaken a review of its By-laws and have prepared the following drafts to replace the existing By-laws:

- By-law No. 1 – Permits and Penalties
- By-law No. 2 – Moveable Signs
- By-law No. 3 – Roads
- By-law No. 4 – Local Government Land
- By-law No. 5 – Dogs
- By-law No. 6 – Cats
- By-law No. 7 – Camping and Mooring

The proposed By-laws were reviewed and changes made to ensure that they reflect the current needs and expectations of the community.

A number of amendments made to the existing By-laws are minor in nature, including editorial, currency and formatting changes to reflect the legal advice provided.

#### **By-law No. 1 – Permits and Penalties**

***To provide for a permit system, to fix maximum penalties in Council by-laws, to clarify the construction of such by-laws, and to repeal certain by-laws.***

What has changed?

- Updated wording to allow Council to grant permission by way of adopting a policy that applies generally for that purpose. This brings the By-law in line with the majority of other South Australian Councils.

#### **By-law No. 2 – Moveable Signs**

***To set standards for moveable signs on roads, to provide conditions for and the placement of such signs, to protect public safety and to protect or enhance the amenity of the area of the Council.***

What has changed?

- Minor wording or grammatical changes only.

#### **By-law No. 3 – Roads**

***For the management of public roads.***

What has changed?

- Additions to activities requiring permission.
  - Obstructions – this paragraph relates to the placement or installation of any material, structures or objects on a road within the Council area. For example, the placement of bollards (cones or witches hats) in car parking spaces to reserve or block the space.
  - Soliciting – this paragraph prohibits a person from soliciting for donation of money or any other thing without permission of Council. For example, fundraising or begging for money, food or donations.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## By-laws

- Waste – this paragraph prohibits the placement of commercial or domestic waste being placed in Council street litter bins. For example, using a street litter bin for your own household rubbish because your bin is full or a business putting their commercial waste in a bin outside of their premises.
- Waste Collection
  - The inclusion of Part 3 – Waste Collection will give Council the ability to deal with, if and when it may arise, the issue of household wheelie bins being left out after collection day and posing a hazard to road users. This part is being included as a “future proofing” paragraph for new development areas where footpaths and road verge areas are narrower than those found in other rural towns. Council understands that this part would have an impact on shack areas where residents are generally not present during the week when waste collection occurs and there is no plan on enforcing this requirement unless there is a regular and persistent hazard posed in these areas by bins being left out.

### By-law No. 4 – Local Government Land

***For the management and regulation of the use of and access to all land vested in or under the control of the Council including the prohibition and regulation of particular activities on local government land.***

What has changed?

- Model Aircraft – Expanding on the existing paragraph and providing the inclusion of a paragraph allowing Council to resolve, if it so chooses, an area where the use of these devices are prohibited.
- Public Conveniences – Updated wording surrounding the use of public toilets to be in line with the majority of other South Australian Council By-laws.

### By-law No. 5 – Dogs

***For the management and control of dogs within the Council's area.***

No changes.

### By-law No. 6 – Cats

***For the management and control of cats within the Council's area.***

What has changed?

- Registration and Identification of cats – This part is being included as a “future proofing” clause to allow Council, if it so chooses, to resolve to set a registration fee for owned cats with the Council area. This clause is not setting a registration fee for cats right now however if in the next seven (7) years Council wanted to consider charging a fee this inclusion means that a review of the By-law would not be required prior to the current one expiring. Council would undertake a separate process if the consideration for setting a registration fee were to occur.

### By-law No. 7 – Camping and Mooring

***To regulate, control and prohibit camping activities and the mooring of vessels in Council's area.***

What has changed?

- Public Conveniences – This change is the same as for By-law No. 4 and is a wording update to bring in line with the majority of other South Australian Council By-laws.