



APPLICATION FOR DEFERRAL OF RATES AND/OR DEBTOR ACCOUNTS (COVID-19)

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BACKGROUND

Council resolved, at its meeting held on Monday 20 April 2020, to defer the payment of rates and/or debtor accounts until 31 August 2020, for ratepayers and debtors who are experiencing financial hardship, as a direct result of COVID-19.

This will allow for a deferral of Council rates and/or debtors with no fines/interest applied during the stated period, with the balance to be paid in full by 31 August 2020, unless due to extenuating circumstances and extended by Council. The deferral is subject to the completion of the application form under reference.

The information provided on this form, is necessary to assist Council in assessing your application for relief, with all information provided, to remain confidential.

If you believe you fit the criteria, you are encouraged to apply.

DO YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION?

If you require assistance to complete this application form or require further information, please contact Council's Rates Officer on 8640 3444.

LODGING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the application form overleaf and return to Council:

Whyalla City Council
Attention: Rates Officer
PO Box 126
WHYALLA SA 5600

Email: council@whyalla.sa.gov.au

Once your application has been assessed, you will be advised of the decision, in writing.



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RATEPAYER / DEBTOR DETAILS

Name(s): _____

Postal Address: _____
Phone No.: _____ Mobile No.: _____
Email Address: _____

List the current rateable properties and/or debtor accounts to which you would like this deferral to apply.

Rate Assessment/Sundry Debtor	Property Address
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please outline how COVID-19 has impacted on your ability to make payments on the accounts referenced above.

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LEGAL DECLARATION

I hereby:

- wish to apply for a deferral of payment on my Council rates and/or debtor account(s) until 31 August 2020;
- declare that the information provided, is true and correct; and
- understand that pursuant to Section 181(8)(a)(b) and (c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, fines and interest will be levied and applied on any outstanding balances after 31 August 2020 and each month thereafter, until the balance is paid in full.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. *The deferral of payment does not prevent a ratepayer and/or debtor from making additional payments against their account before the date of 31 August 2020 – any such payment will not prejudice this arrangement.*
2. *During the period of deferral, applicants will continue to receive Quarterly Rate Notices and/or Debtor Accounts, accordingly.*