

**REGISTER OF SUBORDINATE LOCAL LAWS**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECTION 895**

(This Register must contain the particulars prescribed by Section 34(1) of the Local Government Regulation 1994)

1. **LAW NAME:** Local Law Policy No. 4 - Keeping and Control of Cats
2. **PURPOSE AND GENERAL EFFECT:** The objects of this local law policy are to provide detailed information called upon by Local Law No. 4 -Keeping and Control of Animals to regulate the keeping of cats
3. **LAW NAME ALLOWING THE MAKING:** Local Law No. 4 - Keeping and Control of Animals
4. **DATE OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION:** 4 November 1998
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**IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL**  
**LOCAL LAW POLICY NO. 4 - KEEPING AND CONTROL OF CATS**

**Citation**

1. This local law policy may be cited as Local Law Policy No. 4 (Keeping and Control of Cats).

**Objects**

2. The objects of this local law policy are to provide detailed information called upon by Local Law No. 4 (Keeping and Control of Animals) to regulate the keeping of cats-

- (a) to protect the community against risk of injury and damage; and
- (b) to ensure that cats do not create a nuisance, or a hazard to health or safety; and
- (c) to prevent pollution and other environmental damage resulting from the keeping of cats and to protect the amenity of the local environment; and
- (d) to ensure that cats are kept and used in a way that is consistent with the rights and expectations of the local community.

**Application of Local Law Policy**

3. This local law policy applies only in respect of cats 3 months of age or older.

**Permits for the keeping of Cats - section 5(1)**

4. For the purposes of section 5(1) of the Local Law, the following are circumstances where a permit is required:

- (a) The keeping of three or four cats for domestic purposes - (Domestic Cat Permit);
- (b) The keeping of up to four cats for the purpose of breeding or sale - (Restricted Cattery Permit);
- (c) The keeping of more than four cats - (Cattery Permit);
- (d) If determined by Council by resolution the keeping of cats in the following types of accommodation - (Cat Permit -Residential Building) :-
  - (i) Flats;
  - (ii) Boarding houses and tenement buildings;
  - (iii) Units;
  - (iv) Town houses;
  - (v) Duplexes;
  - (vi) in any other premises where the public has joint access to common areas.

#### **Minimum standards for the keeping of cats - Section 11(1)**

5. For the purposes of section 11(1) of the Local Law the following are minimum standards for the keeping of cats regardless of whether a permit is required to keep it:

- (a) An adequate supply of food and water must be provided.
- (b) All faeces and urine must be disposed of without causing nuisance.
- (c) All cats must be vaccinated as appropriate to the age of the animal.
- (d) Cats are to be kept in such a manner so as not to be injurious to the health of a person.

#### **Term of Permit - section 14(1)**

6. For the purposes of section 14 (1) of the Local Law, a permit granted under section 3 of this local law policy shall expire on 30 th June each year.

#### **Conditions of Permits - section 15(3)**

7. (1) For the purposes of section 15(3) of the Local Law, the following are conditions which must be imposed on a Domestic Cat Permit:-

- (a) The maximum number of cats over the age of three months to be kept at the premises is four;
- (b) all cats must be desexed ;
- (c) all cats must be kept in a manner so as not to cause a nuisance;

- (d) all cats must be vaccinated as appropriate for the age of the animal;
- (e) the holder of the permit must be able to demonstrate the ability to confine cats to their premises when required to do so by Council or for any other reason.
- (f) all pet food to be stored in vermin proof containers.

Upon written application, Council may exempt a keeper of cats from all or part of the permit conditions listed above.

**(2)** For the purposes of section 15(3) of the Local Law, the following are conditions which must be imposed on a Restricted Breeding Permit:-

- (a) the maximum number of cats over the age of three months to kept at the premises is four;
- (b) all pet food to be stored in vermin proof containers;
- (c) full details must be kept of methods of disposal of cats including sale and “give aways”. This information will include a copy of the vaccination certificate and new owners name and address;
- (d) records must be kept of all cats kept at the premises or sold or given away from the premises;
- (e) any cat that is found to be suffering from a transmissible or communicable disease must be placed in isolation. The holder of the permit must have facilities to effectively isolate diseased cats when necessary;
- (f) no cat is to be kept at the premises, sold, or given away from the premises unless vaccinated appropriate to the age of the animal;
- (g) all waste and refuse generated from the keeping of cats under this permit must be disposed of in a manner so as to not to cause a nuisance;
- (h) all cages or enclosures to be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected on a daily basis to avoid the spread of disease;
- (i) the provision of adequate enclosures to prevent the egress of housed cats and the ingress of other cats;
- (j) all cats must be kept in a manner so as not to cause a nuisance;
- (k) all cats to be confined to the premises at all times.

Upon written application Council may exempt a keeper from all or part of the permit conditions listed above.

**(3)** For the purposes of section 15(3) of the Local Law, the following are conditions which must be imposed on Cattery Permit:-

- (a) All necessary approvals must be obtained from Council;
- (b) all pet food to be stored in vermin proof containers;
- (c) full details must be kept of methods of disposal of cats including sale and “give aways”. This information will include a copy of the vaccination certificate and new owners name and address;
- (d) records must be kept of all cats kept at the premises or sold or given away from the premises;
- (e) any cat that is found to be suffering from a transmissible or communicable disease must be placed in isolation. The holder of the permit must have facilities to effectively isolate diseased cats when necessary;
- (f) no cat is to be kept at the premises, sold, or given away from the premises unless vaccinated appropriate to the age of the animal;
- (g) all waste and refuse generated from the keeping of cats under this permit must be disposed of in a manner so as not to cause a nuisance;
- (h) all cages or enclosures to be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected on a daily basis to avoid the spread of disease;
- (i) the provision of adequate enclosures to prevent the egress of housed cats and the ingress of other cats;
- (j) all cats must be kept in a manner so as not to cause a nuisance;
- (k) all cats to be confined to the premises at all times.
- (l) the maximum number of cats to be kept on the premises shall be determined by Council giving regard to all relevant circumstances.

Upon written application Council may exempt a keeper of cats from all or part of the permit conditions listed above.

**(4)** For the purposes of section 15(3) of the Local Law, the following are conditions which must be imposed on a Cat Permit - Residential Building:-

- (a) An adequate supply of food and water must be provided.
- (b) All faeces and urine must be disposed of without causing nuisance.
- (c) All cats must be vaccinated as appropriate to the age of the animal.
- (d) Cats are to be kept in such a manner so as not to be injurious to the health of a person.
- (e) Only one cat is to be kept on the premises.

Upon written application Council may exempt a keeper from all or part of the permit conditions listed above.

**Sale of Cats - General - section 24(1)**

**8. (1)** For the purposes of section 24(1) of the Local Law, the conditions to be complied with by persons who offer cats for sale are:-

- (a) The person shall comply with all Council requirements with respect to the legal posting of signs advertising the sale of cats, whether the signs are located on Council controlled land or other land;
- (b) The person shall ask for the names and addresses of the buyers of the cats. If the name and address is given by the buyer, the person shall make written records of the information.
- (c) Records made by a person under 7(1)(d) shall be kept for a period of 6 months.

**(2)** Subsection (1) does not apply to the sale of cats on premises covered by a permit or liable for a permit under the Local Law and Local Law Policy.