



## Garbage and Recycling Collection

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### PURPOSE

To provide guidance in the provision of garbage and recycling collection services, determining kerbside collection routes and the application of the associated service charges.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to the garbage and recycling collection provided by Council and the application of associated service charges.

### DEFINITIONS

#### **MGB**

Mobile garbage bin.

#### **Service Charges**

Garbage and recycling service charges as declared by Council.

### POLICY

#### **1. About the Service Charges**

- (a) Council will consider declaring garbage and recycling service charges and their quantum during the budget process each year.
- (b) A service charge is a charge on a property.
- (c) The charge will be per collection service (one MGB).

#### **2. About the Services**

- (a) The services provided will be delivered as follows:

Garbage	120 litre MGB
Recycling	240 litre MGB
- (b) Mobile garbage bins (MGBs) provided to residents remain the property of Council and must be kept at the address they have been issued to.



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- (c) The cost of replacement of a damaged or stolen MGB may be sought from the ratepayer of the property the MGB was allocated to.
- (d) A service charge will be levied on all properties along a collection route with a dwelling, whether permanently occupied or not, and regardless of whether the service is required or utilised.
- (e) Council will only arrange for a new or additional collection service upon written request from the property owner, or person legally responsible for payment of rates.
- (f) A collection service may be available for properties not on a collection route, provided the MGB/s are delivered to and from an agreed location on the route and any other criteria contained within Council's procedure is met.
- (g) Commercial and Industrial Properties  
Commercial and industrial properties on a collection route have the option of arranging a collection service by contacting Council, provided that the waste being disposed of is the same type as that generated by a domestic property.

### 3. Collection Routes

- (a) Given the constraints of the large geographic size of the municipality it is not economically feasible to support a collection service in areas with a low density of settlement. On this basis collection routes have evolved to include:
  - Most townships within the shire;
  - Rural areas where the ratio of homes to the distance involved makes provision of a service economically feasible; and
  - Roads travelled that link collection routes together.
- (b) Garbage and recycling collection routes are mapped and set the scope of the service to be provided.

### 4. Requests from residents to Extend Collection Routes

- (a) Requests will be considered within the scope of any contract agreement Council has with the service provider.
- (b) Existing collection routes will only be extended after thorough investigation, based on the following criteria:
  - Number of collections on the proposed route;
  - Additional distance;
  - Condition of the road;
  - Written agreement by a majority of effected residents;



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- Contractor's capacity (plant and staff); and
- The extension is able to be fully funded by the service charge/s to be collected.

### 5. Extension of Collection Routes by Council

- (a) In addition to requests from residents to extend collection routes, Council at its discretion could choose to extend routes. This may be based on, but not limited to the following:
- Township growth;
  - Contractor's collection schedules.

### RELATED POLICIES

*Development of Policy Documents, and Policy Guideline Rates and Charges*

### RELATED LEGISLATION

*Local Government Act 1989 (s162)*

### REFERENCES

Moir Shire Council, *Contract No. C57/07 (Domestic Kerbside Waste and Recyclables Collection and Disposal)*

Moir Shire Council, *Extension of Garbage and Recycling Collection Routes Quality Assurance Procedure QWP408001*

Moir Shire Council, *Garbage and Recycling Collection Advice Forms Quality Assurance Procedure QWP41003*

### REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed three years from the date of adoption, with operational amendments as required, in accordance with Council's approval.