



## Privacy Act Waiver

On the signing of this application:

Pursuant to the Privacy Act 1993, I authorise Far north District Council to contact any agencies/companies or any other source including Government agencies to obtain and check (both now and in future) such information for the purposes of considering this application, and to assist in the enforcement of any agreement between myself and Far North District Council.

I understand I have the right to access and information Far North District Council may have collected with regards to this application, and to correct if it is wrong.

## Declaration

I understand that upon signing this application, I am entering into an agreement with Far North District Council.

I solemnly and sincerely declare that I have read and understood this application and certify that the information provided is true and correct in all respects, and that I am no less than 18 years of age. I have disclosed any other names that I am currently known under. I am aware that if I have deliberately provided false information in this application, I could face fraud or dishonesty charges in the Courts. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and correct by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957. And that I understand the following;

Council may on written application from a ratepayer of such rating units remit any separate uniform annual general charge levied on the rating units if it considers it to be reasonable in the circumstances to do so.

The applicant must provide sufficient evidence as is necessary to prove that the properties are being jointly used as a single property and Council's decision on the matter is final.

Council may also consider reducing or cancelling any targeted charge on such rating units if it considers it to be reasonable in the circumstances to do so.

Council reserves the right to determine that any specific targeted charge will be excluded from this policy.

Signature

Date

Name

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### Witnessed by:

Signature

Name

Please print

#### **IMPORTANT:**

Your witness **MUST** be either one of the following:

- Justice of the Peace
- Solicitor
- Far North District Council Officer

## Application Checklist

Tick box once information is attached	
<b>Commercial/Industrial</b>	
Photo evidence of the rating units being used as one (single usage) or some other form of proof	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Residential</b>	
Photo evidence of the rating units being used as one (single usage) or some other form of proof	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Farming</b>	
If the property is owned by someone other than the applicant, copies of the titles showing the registered lessees name/s.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photographic evidence is provided that all the lots are used as one or some other proof	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>General Checklist</b>	
Copy of Photo Identification (Drivers Licence/Passport/18 Plus Card)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of postal address (copy of power/phone bill/bank statement – no older than 6 months)	<input type="checkbox"/>

## For Staff Use Only

Application received date:

Application complies with policy?  Yes  No

Which group does it comply with?  Eg: Farming, Residential etc

Form of evidence (photos etc) provided?  Yes  No

Application Checked By:  Date

Application Approved By:  Date

### Customer Liaison

Accepting CSO Officer

Form Complete

Maps Attached

Evidence Provided

Account Noted

Date Forwarded to

Transaction Services

### Transaction Services

Account Noted

Journal Actioned

## R21/06 Common-Use Properties

### Background

Section 20 of the LGRA 02 requires that multiple rating units be treated as one rating unit if they are:

1. Owned by the same person or persons; and,
2. Used jointly as a single unit; and,
3. Contiguous or separated only by a road, railway, drain, water race, river or stream.

This policy expands on the provisions of the Act and provides for commercial operations to be treated as one rating unit to assist economic development in the district.

The circumstances where an application for a remission of charges will be considered are:

- A residential dwelling and associated garden and ancillary buildings where the property occupies at least two rating units and those rating units are used jointly as a single property
- A farm that consists of a number of separate rating units that are either contiguous or are located within a 2 kilometre radius
- A commercial, retail, or industrial business that operates from more than 1 rating unit where those rating units are contiguous and are used jointly as a single property
- A subdivision for the period that the individual lots continue to be in the ownership of the original developer and remain vacant. This provision has a maximum term of 3 years in respect of all charges excluding those that are set to fund utility services such as stormwater, wastewater and water supplies.

### Policy Objectives

1. To enable Council to act fairly and equitably with respect to the imposition of the UAGC and applicable targeted rates on 2 or more separate rating units that are contiguous, separately owned and used jointly for a single residential, commercial or farming use.
2. To deal equitably with the imposition of the UAGC and applicable targeted rates on 2 or more separate rating units that have resulted from a subdivision to facilitate the development of the district.

a dwelling and the other unit(s) considerable development which proves that the rating units are being used as one. E.g. House/dwelling on one rating unit and or garden and garage on the other rating unit.

In the case of a farm/lifestyle property, be owned by the same owner, or be leased for a term of not less than 10 years, to the same ratepayer who uses the rating units jointly as a single farm. The owners of each of the individual rating units must confirm in writing that their unit/s is being jointly used as a single farming operation

In the case of a subdivision, commercial or residential development, be owned by the original developer who is holding the individual rating units pending their sale or lease to subsequent purchasers or lessees and is vacant. This remission is limited for a term of 3 years for all charges and will be calculated from 1 July in the year that the rates were first remitted.

### Scope

This policy applies to both General Title and Māori Freehold Land.

### Conditions and Criteria

Applications under this policy must be in writing, signed by the ratepayer and must comply with the conditions and criteria set out below.

1. The rating units must be contiguous, or in the case of a farm, must be situated within a radius of 2 kilometers from the primary property.
2. The rating units must:
  - a. In the case of a residential/lifestyle property, be owned by the same ratepayer who uses the rating units jointly as a single residential property. In the case of residential rating units where two or more separately owned rating units are owned by an individual and/or trust and are contiguous but the ownership is not an exact match, the rating units will be considered as one. For this to apply one unit must have

It should be further noted that the remission under this clause does not extend to sub-sequent purchasers.

3. The applicant must provide sufficient evidence as is necessary to prove that the properties are being jointly used as a single property and Council's decision on the matter is final.
3. Council reserves the right to determine that any specific targeted charge will be excluded from this policy.