

Extreme Financial Hardship Postponement



Application for Rate Postponement

Applicant Information:

Property Number: _____
(refer Rates Invoice)

Valuation Roll Number: _____
(refer Rates Invoice)

Ratepayer Name(s): _____

Property Location: _____
(refer Rates Invoice)

Attached is a detailed account of my/our annual income and expenses from all sources, details of all assets and liabilities, details of any dependants, and a comprehensive outline of the circumstances which have caused the extreme financial hardship.

I/we certify that I/we meet the conditions and criteria (overleaf) and to the best of my knowledge:

- The above particulars are correct.
- I/we are the current occupier(s) of the rating unit which is solely used for my/our personal residential purposes.
- I/we will have insufficient funds left over after the payment of rates, for normal health care, appropriate provision for maintenance of home and chattels at an adequate standard, as well as making provision for normal day to day living expenses.
- I/we do not own any other rating units or investment properties or other realisable assets.
- I/we will make acceptable arrangements for payment of future rates, for example by setting up a system for regular payments.

Name(s) of Ratepayer(s): _____ Phone: _____

Ratepayer(s) Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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Application meets defined criteria: Yes No

Arrangements made for Payment of Future Rates: _____

Date of Registration as a Statutory Land Charge: _____

Notes for Applicants:

Objective of the Policy:

To assist ratepayers experiencing extreme financial hardship.

Conditions and Criteria:

All applications must be on the prescribed form.

When considering whether extreme financial circumstances exist, all of the ratepayer[s] personal circumstances will be relevant.

The Council must postpone rates in accordance with the Policy where the application meets all of the following criteria:

- The ratepayer[s] must be the current occupier[s] of the rating unit which must be solely used for their personal residential purposes.
- The Council must be satisfied that the ratepayer[s] is/are unlikely to have sufficient funds left over after the payment of rates, for normal health care, appropriate provision for maintenance of his/her home and chattels at an adequate standard, as well as making provision for normal day to day living expenses.
- The ratepayer[s] must not own any other rating units or investment properties or other realisable assets.
- The ratepayer[s] must make acceptable arrangements for payment of future rates, for example by setting up a system for regular payments.

Even if rates are postponed, as a general rule the ratepayer[s] will be required to pay the first \$645 of the annual rate levy.

The Council may add a postponement fee to the postponed rates for the period between the due date and the date they are paid. This fee will not exceed an amount which covers the Council's administration and financial costs.

The policy will apply from the beginning of the rating year in which the application is made although the Council may consider backdating past the rating year in which the application is made depending on the circumstances.

Any postponed rates will be postponed until:

- The death of the ratepayer[s]; or
- The ratepayer[s] ceases to be the owner or occupier of the rating unit; or
- The ratepayer[s] ceases to use the property as his/her residence; or
- A date determined by the Council in any particular case.

At any time, the applicant may elect to postpone the payment of a lesser sum than that which they would be entitled to have postponed pursuant to this Policy by paying the postponed rates or any part thereof.

Application:

Postponed rates will be registered as a Statutory Land Charge on the rating unit's title.

Applications for rate postponements shall be considered by the Council or its delegated officer(s).

Once you have completed this application form, please save it to your computer for your records, then email a copy of the saved document to mdc@marlborough.govt.nz

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