

Rates Concession for Heritage Listed Properties

Conditions of Concession

Owners of rateable residential and commercial property, that is included in the City of Stirling Heritage List, can apply for a discount on their general rate charge to assist with the care and maintenance of their property.

Objectives of the Concession

- Encourage a partnership approach between owners of properties on the City's Heritage List and the City of Stirling
- Provide financial assistance to owners in the conservation and restoration of places identified in the City of Stirling's Heritage List
- Encourage owners to support the designation/retention of buildings recognised on the City of Stirling's Heritage List
- The City may provide an annual concession on the general rates to encourage and support owners to care and maintain their property. No concession will be applied to the annual emergency services levy, waste services, security service charge or swimming pool inspection fee, where applicable
- The concession will be 50% of the general rate levied
- The concession for commercial properties will be capped at \$2,000 per property
- The value of the concession will be reduced by an amount equivalent to any other rate concessions for which the owner of the property is eligible (seniors, pensioners and any other concession)
- The concession will need to be applied for on an annual basis

Who can apply?

- The property must be rated residential or commercial and the applicant must be a registered ratepayer
- The property must be within the City of Stirling boundary and be listed on the City of Stirling Heritage List
- Applicants must provide evidence of full value of building insurance for each year an application is submitted
- Applicants must provide evidence of a current pest control certificate for each year an application is submitted
- To receive the rate concession, eligible applications must be received by no later than 60 days from the issue date of the current Annual Rate Notice. Applications received after this date will not be eligible for a heritage rate concession for the current financial year
- The Heritage Concession is subject to Annual Budget approval
- A completed application form and the necessary accompanying documentation should be forwarded to the City of Stirling clearly titled 'Application for Heritage Rate Concession' either by email to stirling@stirling.wa.gov.au or post to 'Attention Rates Department', 25 Cedric Street, Stirling, WA 6021

Ineligibility

The Heritage Rate Concession will not be provided if;

- The owner is bound by the Heritage Agreement where the agreement commits the owner to ongoing care and maintenance of the heritage building and this is not adhered to
- Incorrect documentation is supplied
- There is an outstanding rate debt to the City on the property
- The City of Stirling decides to cancel the Heritage Rate Concession

Cancellation of the Heritage Rate Concession

- The concession will cease if a debt to the Council on the property is overdue for payment
- The agreement is nullified by the ratepayer through voluntary withdrawal
- The City may cancel the concession if it determines that the property is not being suitably maintained
- The City may cancel the concession if it determines that the property is not covered by full value building insurance
- The City can at any time cancel the Heritage Rate Concession
- The property is no longer on the City of Stirling Heritage list register