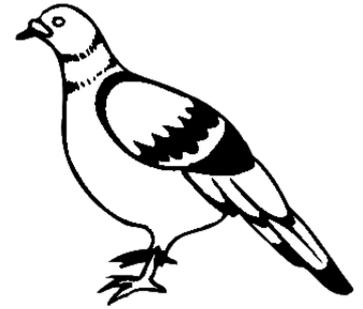




KEEPING OF PIGEONS

1.1 The construction or installation of pigeon lofts may require prior development approval from Council. Please consult with Council before installing any loft structure on your property.

1.2 Registered active members of the Pigeon Fanciers Association or Racing Association may keep up to 150 pigeons on their property, and non-members may keep up to 50 pigeons. However Council may stipulate a smaller number depending on the specific circumstances on each property.



1.3 Pigeons are to be housed in purpose built lofts of sufficient size and configuration to adequately house all pigeons contained within them. Council recommends that lofts be located at a distance of at least 5m from any residential dwelling, school, child care centre or boundary.

1.4 All loft entrances and exits are to be designed to be one-way, so as to prevent uncontrolled exit of the birds. Sufficiently large landing platforms are to be provided at the entrance to the loft to allow for the uninterrupted return of birds, and to discourage birds from roosting on neighbouring premises.

1.5 The floor of lofts must be constructed of a suitable material, either:

- trafficable mesh grating floor, allowing for droppings to pass through for collection from below floor level; OR
- trafficable timber floor with suitable moisture absorptive qualities, and for regular ease of scrape cleaning (e.g. chipboard, plywood).

The use of deep litter in lofts is not recommended.

1.6 Noise, odour and pests must be adequately managed to avoid nuisance to neighbours.

1.7 Lofts should be cleaned regularly to remove accumulation of droppings, feathers, feed, and other materials. The enclosures must be vermin proofed and feed is to be stored inside a vermin proof container overnight. If any feed is left over from the day, it is to be removed and disposed of so as to not attract pests.

1.8 Free flight exercise of the birds is to be conducted on a planned basis at a similar time each day. It is recommended that free flight be conducted twice per day (once in the morning and once in the evening) for no more than 90 minutes at a time. Flight is to be closely supervised by the owner, and every reasonable attempt is to be made to retrieve birds that do not return to the loft.