

Hills Local Laws

Summary of Key Changes



This document provides an overview of all key changes proposed across existing and new By-laws.

By-law 1. Permits and Penalties

We are proposing the following minor changes to the existing By-law for Permits and Penalties to bring the By-law in line with current case law and future technology:

- Enhanced Permit System
- Introducing digital application methods (website and vending machines)
- Vehicle Related Liability
 - If a vehicle is involved in a “prescribed offence,” the owner can be held liable.
 - Provides a framework for the owner to nominate a driver or prove loss of possession.

By-law 2. Moveable Signs

We are proposing the following minor changes to the existing By-law for Moveable Signs:

- Clarification that signs must not include flashing or moving parts to align with safety standards.
- Adding limits on total display area and placement relative to overhead clearance to align with safety standards.
- Powers to remove and dispose of unclaimed signs after 30 days to ensure efficient and effective time management of Council staff, these powers already exist under the Unclaimed Goods Act 1987.

By-law 4. Road

We are proposing two key changes to the existing By-law for Roads which includes:

- A new section covering residential waste bin management, providing detail around:
 - The timeframe for placing domestic waste, recyclables and green organics container on the kerbside for collection and returning them to private property after collection. The new section specifies that containers can be placed on the kerbside by 6:00am on the day of waste collection and not before 4:00pm the day prior to collection and that they must be removed from the kerbside within 24 hours of being emptied.
 - The positioning of domestic waste containers to be on the street in front of and on the same side as the premises, abutting the edge of (but not on) the carriageway and positioned so that the side of the container on which the hinges of the lid are situated faces the premises and is not under any overhanging branches of a street tree.
- A new section covering residents altering the vegetation within council verges. This includes seeking permission for the following activities:
 - Picking plants
 - Removing soil or rocks
 - Harming nests, habitats, or aquatic life
 - Burning timber or wood



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By-law 7. Domestic Livestock and Bee Management (new)

Adelaide Hills Council is seeking community feedback on a proposed new by-law to manage the keeping of livestock, Roosters and Bee's in township areas.

This new by-law will restrict the ownership within townships of roosters, bees and livestock. Residents wishing to have rooster or roosters, bees or livestock within townships will require permission from Council. This approval process will not incur a fee to residents.

This new By-law is being introduced to assist with ongoing community concerns and complaints regarding noise, odour, and nuisance arising from these animals in residential settings. It aims to protect the amenity, safety and wellbeing of residents while continuing to support responsible animal keeping through a clear, permission-based framework.

The By-law will require residential properties within designated townships to seek approval to have livestock, roosters and bee hives. This approval process will not incur a fee to residents.

This new By-law is being proposed to bring council in-line with industry codes and recommendations about animal ownership within townships and to assist with reducing the number of nuisance complaints received by

council, regarding ownership of these animals within closely located residential properties.

For any residents who already own these animals within designated townships, if the By-law is endorsed, there will be a transition process where educational information will be provided and residents will have the opportunity to discuss their situation with council staff and where required, work with council staff to rehome animals.

Minor Revisions

We have made some revisions to the below existing By-laws:

- By-law 3. Local Government Land
- By-law 5. Dogs
- By-law 6. Cats

These revisions involve non-substantive improvement including, refinement of definitions, clarification of terms, and minor editorial updates to improve readability and alignment with current legislative for the purpose of ensuring our By-laws are:

- Clear and understandable,
- Consistent and legally aligned,
- Reflective of best practice

