

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENT LOCAL LAW 2011

Under the powers conferred by the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes resolved on 25 August 2011 to make the following Local Law.

1. Citation

This local law may be cited as the *Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Standing Orders Amendment Local Law 2011*.

2. Commencement

This local law will come into operation 14 days after the day on which it is published in the *Government Gazette*.

3. Principal Local Law Amended

The *Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Standing Orders Local Law 2008*, as published in the *Government Gazette* on 14 November 2008, is referred to as the principal local law. The principal local law is amended.

4. Clause 1.3 Amended

In clause 1.3(1) insert in alphabetical order—

Standing Committee means the Local Laws, Strategy, Policy & Organisation Development (Standing) Committee established by Council in accordance with Sections 5.8 and 5.9 of the Act;

5. Clause 2.1 Amended

In clause 2.1 delete “Notwithstanding clause 2.2(2), the notice of meeting shall be” and insert “Notice is to be given”.

6. Clause 2.2 Amended

In clause 2.2(2) delete the word “Where” and insert “Notwithstanding clause 2.1, where”.

7. Clause 2.3 Amended

In clause 2.3 insert “is” after the words “The notice”.

8. Clause 3.2 Amended

(1) In clause 3.2.(1) delete paragraph (18) and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly.

(2) In clause 3.2(2)—

(a) after paragraph (2) insert—

(3) Response to Previous Questions Taken on Notice;

(4) Petitions/Deputations/Presentations;

(5) Comment on Agenda Items by Parties With an Interest;

(b) delete paragraph (11); and

(c) renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly.

9. Clause 3.3 Amended

Delete clause 3.3 and insert—

Public question time shall be held in accordance with the Act and Regulations.

10. Clause 3.4.1 Amended

In clause 3.4.3(g)—

(a) delete subparagraph (ii);

(b) delete subparagraph (iii); and

(c) renumber subparagraph (iv) accordingly.

11. Clause 3.4.3 Amended

Clause 3.4.3 is amended by replacing all instances of “Council” with “Council or the Standing Committee”.

12. Clause 3.9 Amended

In clause 3.9 delete subclause (2) and renumber the remaining subclauses accordingly.

13. Clause 3.10 Amended

In clause 3.10—

(a) delete subclause (1) and insert—

(1) Unless the Act, Regulations or these Standing Orders otherwise provide, a member may raise at a meeting such business as the member considers appropriate, in the form of a motion, of which notice has been given in writing to the Chief Executive Officer.

- (b) delete subclauses (2), (3) and (10); and
- (c) renumber the remaining subclauses accordingly.

14. Clause 7.1 Amended

In clause 7.1(1)(b) delete “spoke on” and insert “voted against”.

15. Clause 8 Amended

In clause 8.4 delete subclause (1) and renumber the remaining subclauses accordingly.

16. Clause 8.7 Inserted

After clause 8.6 insert —

8.7 Use of Laptop Computers

- (1) Members and officers are permitted to use laptop computers or other similar portable electronic devices in lieu of a printed agenda at a Council or Committee meeting.
- (2) Unless with the consent of the Presiding Member, the use of laptops by Members and officers at Council or Committee meetings are to be in ‘read-only’ mode, accessing only the agendas, their attachments and other related Council documents, with no data entry or external access being undertaken.

17. Clause 10.20 Inserted

After clause 10.19 insert —

10.20 Questions from Members

- (1) A member may, without notice during the course of a debate, or at appropriate times during a Council, Standing Committee or Committee meeting, ask any question relevant to that debate or to the subject under discussion or seek clarification of meeting procedure.
- (2) Members may ask any questions of a specific or general nature relating to the business of the local government as part of the agenda item “Elected Member Questions With Notice” at a Council or Standing Committee meeting subject to the member lodging the question with the CEO a minimum 7 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- (3) Where a response to a question on notice referred to in subclause (2) is provided the Presiding Member will permit follow up questions without notice from members where such questions are seeking clarification to the response provided to the original question submitted with notice.

18. Clause 11 Amended

In clause 11.1(b) delete the words “the matter be deferred and referred” and insert “debate on the matter be adjourned”.

19. Clause 15.2 Amended

In clause 15.2 delete “person” and insert “Presiding Member”.

Dated: 25 August 2011.

The Common Seal of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of—

BRIAN MOORE, President.
TIMOTHY CLYNCH, Chief Executive Officer.