

Summary of proposal – Alcohol Fees Bylaw- 2019

The Council proposes to make a Hutt City Council Alcohol Fees Bylaw.

The Proposed 2019 Alcohol Fees Bylaw

Hutt City Council proposes to establish a new funding system for licenced premises for the sale and supply of alcohol. The aim is to ensure that the costs associated with the licensing of on-licences, off-licences, club licences and special licences is funded from the revenue Council receives from licensing fees to align with the way Council charges fees for other areas of its business. The proposed new funding system would be enacted through an ‘Alcohol Fees Bylaw.’

Since November 2013 Council has had the ability to amend the fees charged for alcohol licensing related functions under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. For the past 3 years the cost recovery for licensing functions has only achieved 42% - 52% with the balance being met by rates. The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and associated regulations provide the expectation that alcohol licensing should be ‘user pays’. The proposal is to cover 90% of the costs incurred by the Council to administer alcohol licensing. The remainder of costs will be subsidised via rates which is consistent with the Council’s other charges for services.

Conclusion

The proposed 2019 Alcohol Fees Bylaw seeks to establish a new funding system for licenced premises for the sale and supply of alcohol. The aim is to ensure that the costs associated with the licensing of on-licences, off-licences, club licences and special licences is funded from the revenue Council receives from licensing fees to align with the way Council charges fees for other areas of its business. The proposed bylaw will replace the existing fee structure.

Council is seeking submissions on this proposal. The full statement of proposal to create the 2019 bylaw as noted above along with a submission form are attached to this document and are available on the Council website www.huttcity.govt.nz or at the Hutt City Council Administration Building, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt , and at all Hutt City Council libraries.

Submissions open on 28 May 2019 and close at 5:00pm on Friday 28 June 2019