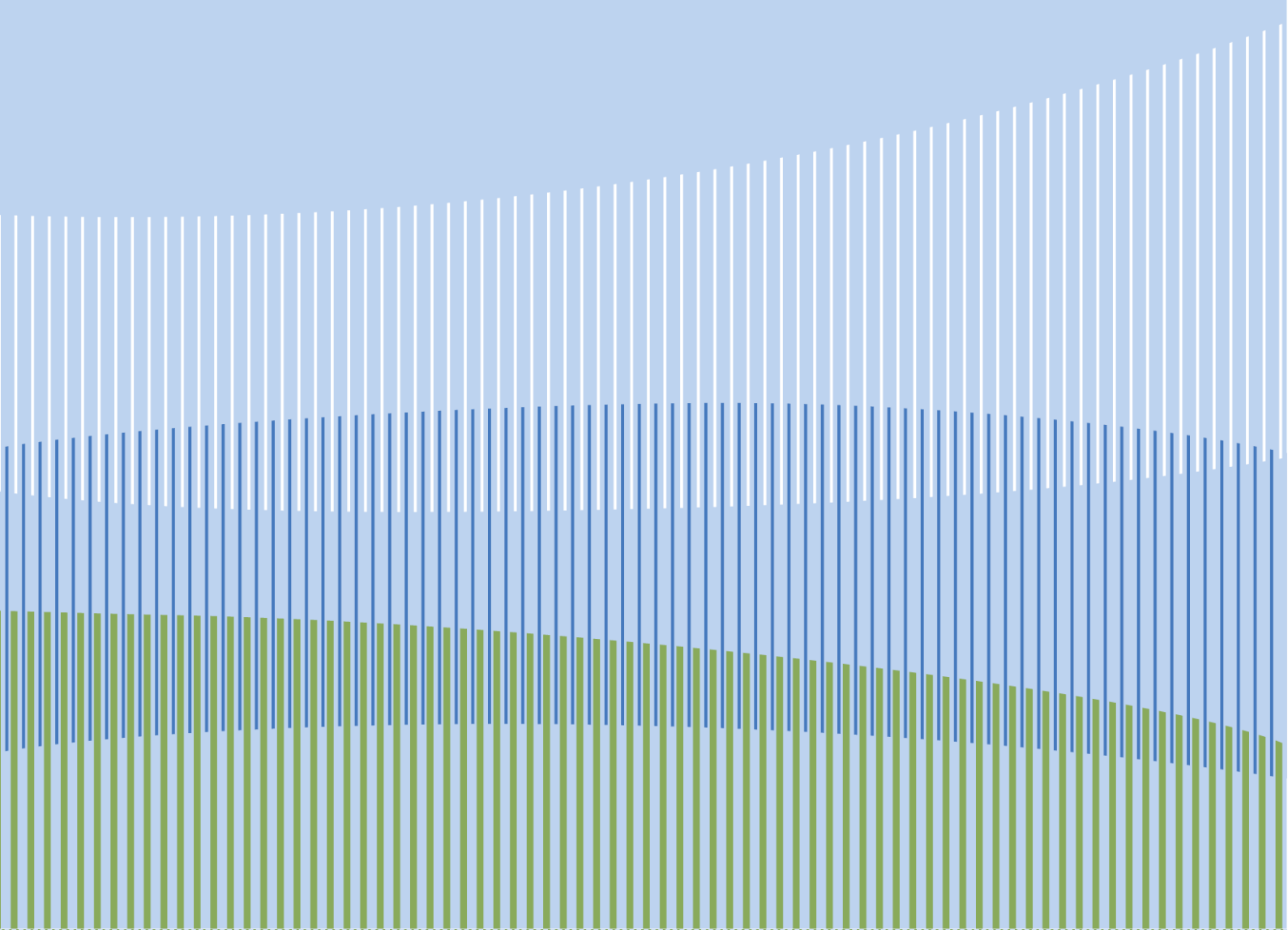


# Differential Rates 2023/2024

Statement of Objects and Reasons



## Proposed Differential Rates and Minimum Payments for 2023/2024

Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) requires Council to give local public notice of its intention to impose Differential Rates and Minimum Payments, inviting submissions from electors and ratepayers. This document describes the objects of, and reasons for, each proposed differential rate and minimum payment, required to be made available for inspection by electors and ratepayers per section 6.36(3)(c) of the Act.

The 2023/2024 Budget will not be adopted until after consideration by Council of any elector and ratepayer submissions, pursuant to Section 6.36(4) of the Act. The Act empowers Council to adopt differential rates or minimum payments different from those published in the public notice. In addition, the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* require that if a Council does adopt any differential rates or minimum payments that are different from those set out in the public notice, then its adopted Budget must include a statement providing reasons for adopting any different rates or minimums from those set out in its public notice.

In its deliberations, prior to formally adopting the budget and imposing rates and minimum payments, Council will consider any submissions received and, as part of its due diligence processes, may also consider any new information on any budget-related matters not available to it at the time of giving public notice of intention to impose proposed rates and minimum payments.

This may include for example, Council consideration of any updated advice on inflation forecasts for 2023/2024, any amendments to forecast changes to costs of State Government utilities including electricity tariffs, street lighting, water or sewerage, or any changes related to any of the local government recurrent grants or any other Federal or State funds forecast to be received.

### Minimum Payment

The Shire imposes a single minimum payment across all rating categories. The minimum payment recognises that all ratepayers have an equal opportunity to enjoy the facilities and services provided by Council, regardless of the value of their property. The minimum rate for 2023/2024 is \$1,260.

### Differential Rates

GRV Rate Categories	Minimum Payment	Rate in \$
GRV General	1,260	0.10633
GRV Storage Unit	948	
GRV Commercial	1,260	0.085062

UV Rate Categories	Minimum Payment	Rate in \$
UV General	1,260	0.006755
UV Rural Lifestyle	1,260	0.007080
UV Industrial / Mining	1,260	0.011758

## Objects and Reasons

Description	Characteristics	Objects	Reasons
GRV General	Properties that are used for purposes other than commercial or industrial.	The object of this differential rate is to ensure that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution towards the services and infrastructure provided and maintained by the Shire for the benefit of the residents.	Revenue derived from this category to assist funding the service levels expected by the community, achieving strategic community objectives and minimum standards of performance to which the Council will be measured by the State Government and others.
GRV Commercial	Properties that are used for commercial or industrial purposes.	The object of this differential rate is to apply rates to all income producing facilities, including carparks, to contribute to funding the costs associated with the services and infrastructure provided to these properties. The rate is to be at a discount to the general rate.	A lower rate will encourage retention of commercial activities and provide incentive for the diversification of the local economy.
UV General	Properties that are used for purposes other than rural lifestyle or industrial/mining.	The object of this differential rate is to ensure that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution towards the services and infrastructure provided and maintained by the Shire for the benefit of residents.	Revenue derived from this category to assist funding the service levels expected by the community, achieving strategic community objectives and minimum standards of performance to which the Council will be measured by the State Government and others.
UV Rural Lifestyle	Properties that are used primarily for residential purposes.	The object of this differential rate is to ensure that all UV property owners with a residential use make a reasonable and consistent contribution towards the services and infrastructure provided and maintained by the Shire for the benefit of the residents. This rate is to be slightly higher than the general rate.	The slightly higher rate in the dollar is to reflect the higher cost of servicing these properties and to better align the contribution of these properties to other properties with a similar use.

UV Industrial/ Mining	Properties used for industrial or mining purposes.	The object of this differential rate is to ensure that all UV property owners which carry out impactful activities, contribute adequately to the services and infrastructure of the community. This rate is to be higher than the general rate.	The higher rate is to reflect the impact of activities which have a significant negative impact on the strategic planning, local environment, structure and the rural character of the district and where development and liveability within the district is impacted from these activities.
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## Submissions

Submissions are invited from any elector or ratepayer with respect to the proposed rates, and any related matter. Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Murray, PO Box 21, Pinjarra WA 6208 and clearly marked Submission – Differential Rating 2023/2024.

**All submissions should be received no later than 12.00pm on 20 July 2023.**

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