

# YOUR GUIDE TO THE: 2014 BY-LAWS – effective 1 Jan 2015



The City of Marion has reviewed its by-laws which were presented and endorsed by council on the 26 August 2014 for effect as of the 1 Jan 2015. This guide provides information about the changes that were endorsed and what this now means to you as resident of the City of Marion.

## 1. WHAT ARE BY-LAWS AND WHAT DO THEY COVER?

By-laws are established by councils to manage issues specific to the council area including;

1. Permits and penalties
2. Movable signs
3. Local Government land
4. Dogs
5. Roads
6. Cats

## 2. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHANGES AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

### **By-law No. 1 – Permits and Penalties**

Minor changes to remove the word "licence" from the by-law as it only provides for a permit system.

#### **What do the changes mean for me?**

There is no change or impact on the community.

### **By-law No. 2 – Moveable Signs**

The changes include "banners" as a separate class of movable sign, and making additional classes of signs exempt, including signs that are:

- Related to a referendum displayed during the course of that referendum.
- Displayed with the permission of council.

#### **What do the changes mean for me?**

There is no change to the application or approval process for moveable signs. The change now includes banners as a moveable signs and exempts signs related to referendums to ensure consistency with current State Government/council exemptions for election signage.

### **By-law No.3 – Local Government Land**

Changes to the by-law include:

- The foreshore within council's area is specified as local government land.
- A clause to enable council to determine areas where motorhomes can camp overnight.
- An exemption from the need to get permission to pick fruit in a community garden.
- Requiring council permission before undertaking certain activities in council wetlands (eg fishing, operating model boats, taking water).
- Making it clear that any noxious species of fish or plants caught at a wetland must be disposed of appropriately and not returned to the water.

#### **What do the changes mean for me?**

There is no change to the application or approval process to utilise local government land. Council seeks to encourage responsible use and enjoyment of the wetlands whilst preserving the natural environment flora and fauna.

### **By-law No.4 – Dogs**

Changes include:

- Wetlands and areas within **five** meters of children's playgrounds are declared "dog on leash areas".
- Dog limit requirements only apply to dogs over three months of age.
- A person in control of a dog must have a bag/object for lawfully disposing of any faeces.

### **What do the changes mean for me if I am a dog owner?**

- Your dog must be on a leash in a wetland.
- Your dog must be on a leash walking / exercising in a park within **five** metres of a children's playground – this is an extension of the current by-law which is three metres.
- Limits on the number of dogs permitted on a property apply to puppies over three months old.
- You must be able to dispose of your dog's faeces lawfully.

### **By-law No.5 – Roads**

Changes include a:

- Clause to enable council to determine motorhome friendly zones.
- Provision to require permission before placing flyers on cars on public roads.

### **What do the changes mean for me?**

There is no change as motorhome friendly zones are not designated but council has the power to do so in the future.

Council will be able to protect people from offensive material left on cars in public roads.

### **By-law No.6 – Cats**

Changes include:

- Requiring all cats within the City of Marion to be identified through micro-chipping.
- The by-law applies to cats over four months old.
- To enable council by future resolution to determine cat-free areas on local government land.

### **What do the changes mean for me as a cat owner?**

The by-law now requires all cats over the age of four months to be identified through micro-chipping. Council may, at a future date, identify a local government land area as 'cat free'. Micro-chipping your cat will help identify it and return it to you if it is lost.

### **I am a resident (before 1 January 2015) with a cat aged over four months – do I need to have it micro-chipped?**

No. By laws are not enforced retrospectively, however cats should be micro-chipped to prevent them from being legally trapped or handed to a shelter if found wandering or lost.

### **If I intend to move to the City of Marion (after 1 January 2015) and I own a cat which is older than four months...will I need to have it micro-chipped?**

Yes. Your cats should be micro-chipped when you move to the City of Marion.

### **Where do I get my cat micro-chipped?**

Your local vet can arrange for your cat to be micro-chipped.

### **Where can I find further information?**

Further information is available on these websites:

[www.rspca.org.au](http://www.rspca.org.au)

[www.goodcatsa.com.au](http://www.goodcatsa.com.au)

[www.gooddogsa.com](http://www.gooddogsa.com)

If you have any further questions regarding these by-laws please contact **8375 6600**.