



PARRAMATTA
CITY
COUNCIL



Local Orders Policy 2003– Keeping of Animals (Order 18) Fact Sheet

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 SECTION 124

ORDER 18(1) – The keeping of birds

Criteria

- 1.1 All aviaries and holding facilities must be constructed of appropriate materials and of a quality of construction and maintenance that is acceptable to Council. The material must be of new or good second hand quality and be designed to be vermin proof, well ventilated, have an impervious surface and not cause or be likely to cause injury to birds.
- 1.2 All aviaries and facilities must be well maintained by the owner so as to avoid escape and/or injury to birds.
- 1.3 Careful regard must be given to the requirements of neighbours, especially the avoidance of excessive noise and odour.
- 1.4 The Code of Ethics produced by the Associated Bird-Keepers of Australia Incorporated, approved by the Canary and Bird Federation of Australia, must be complied with at all times.
- 1.5 Where the owner operates a business from home related to the commercial trade or retail of birds or associated items, provisions of the Environmental Planning and assessment Act 1979 may apply.
- 1.6 Extensive aviculture activities are required to submit aviary plans for development approval by Council.
- 1.7 Flooring must be constructed of an impervious material or in some external situations, sand or gravel with a rodent proof mesh underlay.
- 1.8 All aviaries and other built facilities for the keeping of caged birds require Council consent, except where aviaries do not exceed the following dimensions:
 - (a) 5 square metres surface area, a maximum height of 1.8 metres and with a set back from any boundary, fence or wall of 900 millimetres; and
 - (b) Multiple permissible aviaries may not cover an area greater than 20 square metres without prior Council approval.
- 1.9 Enclosed buildings for the primary purpose of holding caged birds require Council consent.
- 1.10 An animal trade must not be conducted without prior consent.
- 1.11 Vermin proof food storage facilities must be provided.
- 1.12 An adequate rodent and pest control program must be in place.
- 1.13 Excessive noise and odour must be controlled by the use of sound proofing materials, distance and choice of bird species.

