



PARRAMATTA
CITY
COUNCIL



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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 SECTION 124

ORDER 18(20) – The keeping of fish, aquariums and ponds

Criteria

- 20.1** Water is to be maintained at clean and sufficient levels.
- 20.2** All noise from filtration pumps must not be used in a manner that creates a nuisance.
- 20.3** Ponds must contain shade of some kind. This may include aquatic plants.
- 20.4** Food must be made available that suits the species of aquatic organism(s). This may include aquatic plants.
- 20.5** Fish must be protected from predation. This may be done with fencing or a cover of some kind.
- 20.6** All fish and aquatic plants must be disposed of in a council approved manner. Council does not approve the dumping of fish and aquatic plants into any type of waterway, or anywhere that leads to one.
- 20.7** Ponds are required to be made child proof with a fence. The fence must comply with Australian Standard 1926. Applies to ponds more than 300 millimetres in depth.
- 20.8** Council approval is required for the construction of a pond that fails to meet the following requirements:
- (a)** The pond is to be located at the rear of the yard and no closer than 900 millimetres to the nearest adjoining boundary;
 - (b)** The maximum surface area of the pond is to be 2 square metres;
 - (c)** The pond will not be capable of being filled to a greater depth than 300 millimetres;
 - (d)** The pond will not be constructed so that it prevents the natural flow of stormwater, drainage or runoff; and
 - (e)** The pond will not be constructed so that it is higher than 300 millimetres above the existing ground level.

