

29 September 2021

Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: OIR: 2122-84

I refer to your information request we received on 21 September 2021 for the following:

a) Please send me the total number of late rate payment penalty letters issues to ratepayers in the Kapiti Coast District Council for the period listed below;

Penalties are added on a quarterly basis and at the end of the rating year – the number of late payment penalties are listed below (on a quarterly basis).

	2019	2020	2021
March	2004	1880	1841
June	1753	1701	1701
July	1063	1036	892
September	1962	1799	1909
December	1840	1815	<i>Up until the 21st of October 2021</i>

The next penalty date is 10 December 2021.

b) Please send me the total revenue generated from the 10% late rate payment penalties by the Kapiti Coast District Council for the period listed below;

Penalties are added on a quarterly basis and at the end of the rating year – the amount of late payment penalties added to property rates accounts are listed below (on a quarterly basis).

Due dates, penalty dates and penalties are adopted by the Council resolution prior to the striking of rates for the next year. Date and penalty information are included on property rate invoices as per section 45 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

To avoid penalties, ratepayers must pay their property rates instalments in full by the due date. A charge of 10 percent will be added to any amount of the current rate instalment unpaid after the due date. This is known as an instalment penalty.

An additional 10 percent penalty will be added on 7 July to any rates remaining unpaid from previous financial years. This is known as an end of year (EOY) penalty.

	2019	2020	2021
March	\$119,317.70	\$115,565.90	\$116,085.60
June	\$102,996.30	\$103,415.90	\$108,454.80
July (EOY)	\$174,952.80	\$181,562.50	\$147,294.70
September	\$118,078.00	\$109,647.60	\$133,340.80
December	\$117,617.50	\$109,047.60	<i>Up until the 21st of October 2021</i>

The next penalty date is 10 December 2021.

Penalty remissions are reviewed regularly and applications for penalty remission are processed monthly – the amount of late payment penalties remitted are listed below (on a monthly basis).

When rate payments haven't been received by the penalty date, remission of the late payment penalty could be provided. This is determined on a case-by-case basis where it's considered fair and equitable to do so, on receipt of a written application from the ratepayer. Council recognise that late payments can happen and have provided a penalty remission policy, the full criteria of which is outlined on page 6 of the [Rates Remission Policy](#).

	2019	2020	2021
January	\$6,434.80	\$4,362.20	\$5,808.00
February	\$1,395.10	\$1,238.05	\$2,699.40
March	-	\$242.70	\$1,934.63
April	\$8,577.70	\$14,290	\$10,325.57
May	\$3,481.20	\$2,290.10	\$1,509.60
June	\$7148.70	\$10,049.20	\$8,335.10
July	\$1,215.88	\$8,437.24	\$2,345.00
August	\$937.40	\$1,906.85	\$587.70
September	\$5,448.49	\$3,431.50	\$10,953.30
October	\$2,205.80	\$8255.55	<i>Up until the 21st of October 2021</i>
November	-	\$930.70	
December	\$2,959.10	\$14,559.40	

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