



YOUR RECOVERY

RATES



No Rate Rise

COUNCIL HAVE AGREED THERE WILL BE NO RATE RISE IN THE 2020/2021 BUDGET.

ELECTED MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF



20% Cut

ALL ELECTED MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF HAVE TAKEN A 20% REDUCTION IN WAGES FOR 6 MONTHS AND CITY STAFF HAVE FOREGONE ALL WAGE INCREASES THIS YEAR.

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Financial Hardship

A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

PROCUREMENT AND PAYMENT



Support Local

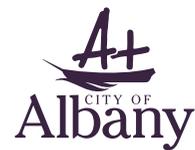
PROCUREMENT AND PAYMENT PRIORITY HAS GONE TO LOCAL BUSINESSES.

RENT



Rent Concessions

TEMPORARY RENT CONCESSIONS OF UP TO 100% WERE OFFERED ON CITY COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY LEASED PREMISES.



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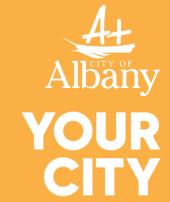
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2020 / 2021

Setting the City of Albany budget is always a challenge, but this year it has been more challenging than before as we manage a significant reduction in revenue and our community grapples with the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our local economy suffered with doors to businesses closed for months as we all practiced self-isolation, quarantined, physically distanced and helped flatten the curve.

Now we are on the road to recovery and Council has been committed to finding ways we can support our local community with financial assistance during this time.

To achieve this and ensure our budgets balanced, your Elected Members agreed to a 20% cut in allowances for 6 months.

Our staff have also taken a 20% reduction in their normal hours for 6 months and foregone any wage increases this financial year to help us reduce staff costs.

This has helped us offset a reduction in revenue and avoid increasing rates, with a 0% rate rise for the next 12 months identified as a key part of our strategy to provide community with some financial relief in the wake of the Covid pandemic.

Debt recovery on outstanding rates has been put on hold, procurement and payment priority has gone to local businesses, temporary rent concessions of up to 100% were offered on City commercial and community leased premises.

There is no increase to fees and charges, and a financial hardship policy has been adopted to help those who are struggling financially at the moment.

We are also assisting any residents struggling to pay rates, fees and charges inclusive of licensing and leases.

This budget balances the need for continuing to provide the services and infrastructure our community needs with financial measures that ensure the City and our community comes out of this situation as strong as possible.

Here is a snapshot of how your rates fit into our budget and some of the ways the City of Albany are assisting our community to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic across the next financial year.



Dennis Wellington

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MAYOR



SUPPORT LOCAL

VALUE OF A DOLLAR

70 cents of every dollar spent locally stays local and supports our economy

