



Differential Rates Objects and Reasons 2025/26

The following Objects and Reasons are provided by Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995(the Act) and Council's "Notice of Intention to Levy Differential Rates" to advertise the Objects and Reasons for the differential rates as part of the 2025/2026 Budget process.

RATES - Rates are levied on all rateable properties within the boundaries of the Shire of Kondinin by the Local Government Act 1995. The overall objective for the raising of the proposed rates and charges in the 2025/2026 Budget is to provide for the funding requirements of the Shires services, activities, financing costs and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire considering the Ten-Year Long-Term Financial Plan. This year it is proposed to increase the revenue collected from rates by 3.5%. Section 6.33 of the Local Government Act 1995 provides the ability to differentially rate properties based on zoning and/or land use as determined by the Shire of Kondinin. The application of differential rating maintains equity in the rating of properties across the Shire, enabling the Council to provide facilities, infrastructure and services that benefit the whole Shire and its visitors.

Summary of the proposed minimum payments and rates in the dollar for 2025/2026.

Rate Category	Minimum Payment	Rate in the \$ (cents) proposed
GRV – Townsite	\$490	12.7629
GRV – Mining Infrastructure	\$490	26.2822
UV – Rural	\$490	0.8020
UV – Mining	\$490	24.0210

Valuations – Landgate is the statutory authority responsible for the valuation process by the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Valuation of Land Act 1978 (as amended). The rates in the \$ will be based on the general valuations as supplied by the Valuer General concerning Gross Rental Values (GRV) and Unimproved Values (UV). More information on the different valuation methods can be found on the Valuer Generals website at www.landgate.wa.gov.au

Gross Rental Valuations (GRV) – A property's GRV represents the amount of the gross annual rental the land might obtain if it is let on a tenancy from year to year. GRV properties are reviewed every 3-6 years as per the Valuation of Land Act 1978 (as amended), the latest review for the Shire of Kondinin was on 1 July 2022.

Unimproved Valuation (UV) – A property's UV means the amount the land may reasonably be expected to obtain if it was sold and assuming no improvements to the land had been made. UV properties are reviewed annually, the latest review for the Shire of Kondinin being effective 1 July 2025.

Objects and Reasons for Differential Rating

GRV – Townsite

This rating category applies to all properties within the townsite boundaries of Kondinin, Karlgarin & Hyden as per the Local Planning Scheme No1 and the area zoned for a public purpose within the Wave Rock precinct.

The object of this differential is to ensure that all properties with GRV valuation make a reasonable contribution towards the services and facilities provided and maintained by the Shire of Kondinin for the benefit of residents within the towns of Kondinin, Karlgarin and Hyden.

Revenue derived from this category will assist in funding the service levels expected by the community and achieving the outcomes of the Strategic Community Plan.

GRV – Mining Infrastructure

This rate category applies to mining leases with improvements on the land. These improvements include workforce accommodation and facilities, offices, workshops and processing facilities.

The object of this differential is to raise additional revenue to contribute towards higher maintenance and construction costs associated with mining activity due to its remote location and the weights and volumes involved. This rate reflects the cost of servicing the remote mining activity including road infrastructure and waste disposal.

The reason this category is rated higher than GRV is due to the additional costs of maintaining infrastructure (roads) in the eastern sector of the Shire associated with the frequent vehicle use from servicing the mining companies operating in the area. The servicing of mining operations results in the Shire's road network and waste facilities requiring continual ongoing maintenance and renewal work to service these users.

UV – Rural

This rate category applies to properties that are predominately used for farming.

The object of this differential is to maintain equity in the rating of property throughout the Shire enabling the Council to provide facilities, infrastructure and services for the entire Shire communities.

The reason for the differential rate is that the UV Rural valuations are by far higher than the UV Mining valuations.

UV – Mining

This rating category applies to properties used for mining, exploration or prospecting purposes.

The object of the differential rate for this category is to raise additional revenue to fund the additional cost impacts on the Shire of Kondinin.

The reason this category is rated higher than UV-Rural is due to the additional costs of maintaining infrastructure (roads) in the eastern sector of the Shire associated with the frequent heavy vehicle use from the mining companies operating in the area. The mining operations result in the Shire's road network requiring continual ongoing maintenance and renewal work to service these users.

Minimum Payments

The Local Government Act 1995 (section 6.35) allows councils to impose a minimum rate, which may not apply to more than 50% of rateable properties. The setting of minimum rates within rating categories recognises that every property receives some minimum level of benefit from the works and services provided by the Shire and the costs of providing non-exclusive services are shared equitably. A proposed minimum rate of \$490 has been applied to all rating categories.

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