

STATEMENT ON CIRCUSES

STATUS:	City Policy - <i>A policy that is developed for administrative and operational imperatives and has an internal focus.</i> <i>Developed by the Policy Committee and/or the administration and adopted by Council.</i>
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE:	Planning and Community Development
OBJECTIVE:	To provide a statement of intent with respect to the operation of circuses City policies are referred to the Policy Committee for review and endorsement prior to Council adoption

STATEMENT:

Council opposes the use of circuses or organisations with performing exotic animals including (but not limited to) lions, tigers, leopards, other great cats, elephants, bears, giraffes, monkeys, apes or any type of animal which in the opinion of the local government is either dangerous or not domesticated.

Council considers circuses or organisations that use human acts and/or domestic animals (such as cats and dogs) are a preferred alternative for public entertainment. Domestic animals are as defined by the Code of Practice for Conduct of Circuses in Western Australia (2003) as “any of the various animals which have been domesticated by man, so as to commonly live and breed in a tame condition.”

Amendments:	CJ052-04/08
Related Documentation:	Circus Procedure
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