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Application to Change Principal Ratepayer

A _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

I _____ wish to request that I have my details recorded
(Occupiers Name)

as the principal ratepayer at _____
(Property address)

I will be the Principal Ratepayer for:

- Date Range ____ / ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ / ____
- Until further notice

Postal Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

I have read the Sections of the Local Government Act on the back of this form and understand that:

- Whilst I am the Principal Ratepayer of the above property I am responsible for the payment of Rates
- It is my responsibility to notify Council when I am no longer the Principal Rate Payer of the above property

Occupier Signature: _____

I have read the Sections of the Local Government Act on the back of this form and understand that:

- That as the Owner of the land I am liable for any rates that may be outstanding, both arrears and current even whilst the Ratepayer application is current.

Owner Signature: _____ Phone: _____

The Local Government Act 1999

Chapter 10 – Rates and Charges, Division 8 – The Assessment Record

172—Chief executive officer to keep assessment record

- (1) The chief executive officer of a council must ensure that a record (the *assessment record*) is kept in which is entered—
 - (d) if the owner is not the principal ratepayer in respect of the land—the name and address of the principal ratepayer; and
- (2) An occupier of land may, with the consent of the owner, apply to the chief executive officer of a council, in a manner and form approved by the chief executive officer, to have the occupier's name entered in the assessment record as the principal ratepayer in respect of the land.
- (3) If an application is duly made under subsection (2), the chief executive officer must enter the occupier's name in the assessment record as the principal ratepayer.

173—Alterations to assessment record

- (1) Application may be made to the chief executive officer of a council for an alteration of the assessment record—
 - (a) by an owner or occupier of land, on the ground that particular information entered in the assessment record is incorrect or has not been recorded in accordance with this Act; or
 - (b) by an occupier of land who is also the principal ratepayer in respect of the land, on the ground that the person no longer wishes to be the principal ratepayer.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) must be made in a manner and form approved by the chief executive officer.

178—Liability for rates

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the owner of land is the principal ratepayer in respect of the land.
- (2) If—
 - (a) the name of an occupier is entered in the assessment record as the principal ratepayer in respect of land; or
 - (b) the land is held from the council under a lease or licence, the occupier of the land (rather than the owner) will be regarded as the principal ratepayer.
- (3) Subject to subsection (9), rates may be recovered as a debt from—
 - (a) the principal ratepayer; or
 - (b) any other person (not being a principal ratepayer) who is an owner or occupier of the land; or
 - (c) any other person who was at the time of the declaration of the rates an owner or occupier of the land.