

13 March 2025

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Tēnā koe **7(2)(a)**

Thank you for your request of 10 February 2025 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

can I get the number of [abandoned] properties now charged the higher rate and how much extra in council revenue this will result in this FY? It would also be good to get the addresses but I'm pretty sure you are not allowed to do that.

On 10 February 2025, the mayor's office sent you a response regarding your query. On 13 February you advised you wished to continue with your LGOIMA request and added the following additional information:

I also added a new question in my response: Of the 60 properties, how many have had resource consents filed since the new rates came in.

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

The new rates against vacant / derelict buildings came into effect on 1 July 2024. As mentioned in the mayor's office response to you, vacant / derelict properties within the city centre pay a larger general rate. We note this as a differential of 5:1 which means 500% more. Please note that this differential only applies to the general rate. Other targeted rates like water, sewerage, stormwater do not have this differential applied.

21 properties have been identified under the vacant / derelict category. Vacant means that there is no building on the rating unit. 12 are categorised as vacant, and nine as derelict.

The vacant / derelict property rating category amounted to \$859,226.82 for properties that met the criteria. If these properties had not met the vacant/derelict property criteria, their previous classification would have resulted in them paying \$302,435 less.

Of the 21 properties, six properties have current resource consent approvals, as these consents are valid for five years following its date of issue. Of these six properties, two properties have had resource consent approvals since 1 July 2024 when the new rates against vacant / derelict buildings came into effect.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura McIlhone', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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