

Motion / Resolution for the adoption of a vacancy abatement scheme.

That Waterford City and County Council makes a scheme for the abatement of rates due to it by liable persons, or classes of liable persons, in respect of vacant properties in accordance with the provisions of section 9 of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019, as amended.

Such a scheme in respect of vacant property will provide for:

- An abatement of 40% of rates due to Waterford City and County Council, where a property remains vacant throughout the year, or part thereof, and where the ratepayer can prove to the satisfaction of the Council that the relevant property was made available to let during the period of vacancy.
- An abatement of up to 100% of rates due to Waterford City and County Council where a property remains vacant throughout the year, or part thereof, where the ratepayer can prove to the satisfaction of the Council that the property was legitimately vacant for repairs/alterations, demolition, or re-development.

Following adoption by the Council, a scheme for the abatement of rates in respect of vacant properties will be completed.