

**“SAMPLE ONLY”**

**BLACKSTONE COUNCIL**

**PROPOSED SPECIAL RATE/SPECIAL CHARGE FOR BLACKSTONE SHOPPING PRECINCT**

The City of Blackstone is proposing to declare at its ordinary Council meeting on 30 June 2009 a three year special rate/special charge for the purpose of defraying expenses relating to the encouragement of commerce in the Blackstone shopping precinct, payable by property owners (or occupiers) based on the following criteria –

- 0.042 cents in the dollar (0.00042) of the Capital Improved Value of each rateable ground floor retail, trade or professional property in the Blackstone shopping precinct (primary benefit).
- 0.021 cents in the dollar (0.00021) of the Capital Improved Value of rateable properties elsewhere in the Blackstone shopping precinct (secondary benefit).
- \$2000 being the maximum levy to any one rateable property.
- No minimum levy will apply to any property within this scheme.

The proposed declaration can be viewed on-line at [www.blackstone.vic.gov.au](http://www.blackstone.vic.gov.au) and is available for inspection or collection from Council’s Service Centre (Blackstone Boulevard, Blackstone) between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday and at all Blackstone libraries for at least 28 days after the publication of this notice.

Any person who will be required to pay the special rate/special charge can object to the proposed declaration in writing by 5.00 pm 12 June 2009.

A person who is an occupier is entitled to exercise a right of objection if documentary evidence is submitted which shows that it is a condition of the lease under which the person occupies the property that the occupier is to pay the special rate or charge.

Any person may lodge a written submission by 5.00 pm 12 June 2009 which will be considered in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Persons requesting to be heard in support of their submission may appear before a committee of Council, the day, time and place of which will be advised.

Objections and submissions must be mailed to:

City of Blackstone  
PO Box 00  
Blackstone 0000.

For further information on the proposed declaration, the making of a written objection or submission or attending the meeting please contact Council’s Service Centre on 0000000.