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| Request from: | Private Individual |
| Information requested: | Addressing mail to deceased persons |
| Response from: | Te Aroha Cook, Acting Chief Executive |

14 December 2020

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear Private individual

Official information request for addressing mail to deceased persons.

I refer to your official information request dated 25 November 2020 for addressing mail to deceased persons.

You have asked for the wording in the Local Government Rating Act that supports the way Council addresses mail.

Under section 46 (2)(b) of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 (LGRA 2002), Council must show the name and address of the ratepayer.

A rate payer is defined under section 10 of the LGRA 2002, this states “for the purposes of this Act, a ratepayer is the person who is named as the ratepayer in the rating information database and the district valuation roll”.

You will find the explanation of whose name can be entered as a ratepayer in the rating information database under Section 11 of LGRA 2002.

You can find a copy of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 here: http://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0006/latest/DLM131394.html?search=ts_act%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg_local+government+rating+act+resel+25+a&p=1

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Senior Administration Assistant at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



Te Aroha Cook | Acting Chief Executive

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