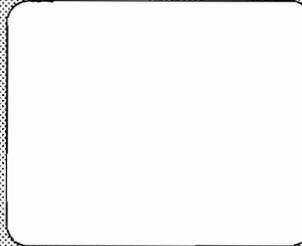


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GENERAL NOTICES
ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

NOTICE 110 OF 2010

MUNICIPALITY //KHARA HAIS

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1967 (ACT 84 OF 1967)

**NORTHERN CAPE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT
(ACT 7 OF 1998)**

Applicant: Macroplan (Len J Fourie)

Nature of application: Removal of restrictive title conditions as enumerated in Title Deed, T2734/2008 p.2, Section B; to facilitate the rezoning of Erf 485, Upington.

Full particulars are obtainable from the Town Planner of the Council, Telephone 054-338 7372, during normal office hours and objections against the application, if any, must be lodged in writing with the Municipal Manager on or before **Friday, 22 October 2010**. Any person with objections against the application, who is unable to write, can during normal office hours on or before **Friday, 22 October 2010**, report to Mr J du Plessis in office 57, who will put such a person's objections in writing.

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//KHARA HAIS MUNISIPALITEIT

WET OP OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKINGS, 1967 (WET 84 VAN 1967)

**NOORD - KAAPSE WET OP ONTWIKKELING EN BEPLANNING
(WET 7 VAN 1998)**

Aansoeker: Macroplan (Len J Fourie)

Aard van aansoek: Opheffing van beperkende titelvoorwaardes, soos vervat in titelakte T2734/2008, Bl.2, Afdeling B ten einde die hersonering van Erf 485, Upington te oorweeg.

Nadere besonderhede is verkrygbaar vanaf die Raad se Stadsbeplanner, Telefoon 054-338 7372, gedurende normale kantoorure en besware teen die aansoek, indien enige, moet aldaar skriftelik by die Munisipale Bestuurder ingedien word om hom voor of op **Vrydag, 22 Oktober 2010**, te bereik. Indien enige persoon wat kommentaar wil lewer/vertoë wil rig, nie kan skryf nie, kan sodanige persoon gedurende normale kantoorure voor of op **Vrydag, 22 Oktober 2010** by Mnr J du Plessis by kantoor 57 aanmeld waar sodanige persoon se kommentaar/vertoë op skrif gestel sal word.

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NOTICE 111 OF 2010

KGATELOPELE MUNICIPALITY

PROPERTY RATES POLICY

To provide for the implementation and enforcement by the Kgatelopele Municipality of its Rates Policy and for matters connected there with:-

BE IT ENACTED by the Kgatelopele Municipality as follow:-

Definition

1. In this Policy, unless the context otherwise indicates –
“Municipality” means the Kgatelopele Municipality; and
“Act: means the Local Government : Municipal Property Rates Act 2004 (Act No 6 of 2004)

Implementation and enforcement of policy

2. (1) The Municipality must pursuant to Section 6 of the Act, (Act No 6 of 2004) and any National or Provincial legislation regulation local government finance, five effects to its Rates Policy drafted and adopted by Council in accordance with section 3 of the Act, by implementing and enforcing such policy.
(2) Any person, natural or juristic, who lays claim to any rebate, reduction, or exemption under the Rates Policy, must provide the information required and meet the obligations imposed by the Municipality in terms of such policy.

Shot title

3. This Policy shall be called the Property Rates Policy 2009

Commencement

4. This Policy shall come into effect on the 1st day of July 2009

KGATELOPELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

PROPERTY RATES POLICY

DATE: JUNE 2009

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KGATELOPELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITYPROPERTY RATES POLICY

1. LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

- 1.1 This policy is mandated by Section 3 of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (No. 6 of 2004), which specifically provides that a municipality must adopt a Rates Policy.
- 1.2 In terms of Section 229 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (No. 108 of 1996), a municipality may impose rates on property.
- 1.3 In terms of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (No. 6 of 2004) a municipality in accordance with-
- a. Section 2(1), may levy a rate on property in its area; and
 - b. Section 2(3), must exercise its power to levy a rate on property subject to-
 - i. Section 229 and any other applicable provisions of the Constitution;
 - ii. the provisions of the Property Rates Act and the regulations promulgated in terms thereof; and
 - iii. the rates policy.
- 1.4 In terms of Section 4 (1) (c) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (No. 32 of 2000), the municipality has the right to finance the affairs of the municipality by imposing, *inter alia*, rates on property.
- 1.5 In terms of Section 62(1)(f)(ii) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (No. 56 of 2003) the municipal manager must ensure that the municipality has and implements a rates policy.
- 1.6 This policy must be read together with, and is subject to the stipulations of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (No. 6 of 2004) and the regulations promulgated in terms thereof.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "Act" means the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004);
- 2.2 "Definitions, words and expressions" as used in the Act are applicable to this policy document where ever it is used;

- 2.3 "Municipality" means the municipality of Kgatelopele;
- 2.4 "Privately owned towns serviced by the owner" means single properties, situated in an area not ordinarily being serviced by the municipality, divided through sub division or township establishment into (ten or more) full title stands and/ or sectional units and where all services inclusive of water, electricity, sewerage and refuse removal and roads development are installed at the full cost of the developer and maintained and rendered by the residents of such estate.
- 2.5 "Residential property" means improved property that:
- (a) is used predominantly (60% or more) for residential purposes including any adjoining property registered in the name of the same owner and used together with such residential property as if it were one property. Any such grouping shall be regarded as one residential property for rate rebate or valuation reduction purposes.
 - (b) is a unit registered in terms of the Sectional Title Act and used predominantly for residential purposes.
 - (c) Is owned by a share-block company and used solely for residential purposes.
 - (d) Is a residence used for residential purposes situated on property used for or related to educational purposes.

And specifically exclude vacant land irrespective of its zoning or intended use.

3. POLICY PRINCIPLES

- 3.1 Rates are levied in accordance with the Act as an amount in the rand based on the market value of all rateable property contained in the municipality's valuation roll and supplementary valuation roll.

3.2 As allowed for in the Act, the municipality has chosen to differentiate between various categories of property and categories of owners of property as contemplated in clause 7 and 8 of this policy. Some categories of property and categories of owners are granted relief from rates. The municipality however does not grant relief in respect of

payments for rates to any category of owners or properties, or to owners of properties on an individual basis.

3.3 There would be no phasing in of rates based on the new valuation roll, except as prescribed by legislation and in accordance with clause 16 of this policy.

3.4 The rates policy for the municipality is based on the following principles:

(a) Equity

The municipality will treat all ratepayers with similar properties the same.

(b) Affordability

The ability of a person to pay rates will be taken into account by the municipality. In dealing with the poor/indigent ratepayers the municipality will provide relief measures through exemptions, reductions or rebates.

(c) Sustainability

Rating of property will be implemented in a way that:

- i. it supports sustainable local government by providing a stable and buoyant revenue source within the discretionary control of the municipality; and
- ii. Supports local social economic development

(d) Cost efficiency

Rates will be based on the value of all rateable property and will be used to fund community and subsidised services after taking into account profits generated on trading (water, electricity) and economic (refuse removal, sewerage removal) services and the amounts required to finance exemptions, rebates, reductions and phasing-in of rates as approved by the municipality from time to time.

4. SCOPE OF THE POLICY

This policy document guides the annual setting (or revision) of property rates. It does not make specific property rates proposals. Details pertaining to the applications of the various property rates are published in the Provincial Gazette and the municipality's schedule of tariffs, which must be read in conjunction with this policy.

5. APPLICATION OF THE POLICY

In imposing the rate in the rand for each annual operating budget component, the municipality shall grant exemptions, rebates and reductions to the categories of properties and categories of owners as allowed for in this policy document.

6. PRINCIPLES APPLICABLE TO FINANCING OF SERVICES

6.1 The municipal manager or his/her nominee must, subject to the guidelines provided by the National Treasury and Executive Mayor or Executive Committee of the municipality, make provision for the following classification of services:-

(a) Trading services

i. Water

ii. Electricity

(b) Economic services

i. Refuse removal.

ii. Sewerage disposal.

(c) Community and subsidised services

These include all those services ordinarily being rendered by the municipality excluding those mentioned in 6.1 (a) and (b).

6.2 Trading and economic services as referred to in clauses (a) and (b) must be ring fenced and financed from service charges while community and subsidised services referred to in clause (c) will be financed from surpluses on trading and economic services, regulatory fees, rates and rates related income.

7. CATEGORIES OF PROPERTY

7.1 Different rates may be levied in respect of the following categories of rateable properties and such rates will be determined on an annual basis during the compilation of the annual budget:-

7.1.1 Residential properties;

7.1.2 Industrial properties;

7.1.3 Business/office properties;

7.1.4 Business/commercial properties;

7.1.5 Farm properties (including small holdings) used for:-

- Agricultural purposes only;
- Commercial purposes;
- Industrial purposes;
- Residential purposes;
- Recreational purposes such as sport farms and/or resorts or game farms;
- Mining purposes;
- A combination of above purposes;

7.1.6 Farm properties not used for any purpose;

7.1.7 State owned properties;

7.1.8 Municipal properties;

7.1.9 Public service infrastructure referred to in the Act;

7.1.10 Privately owned towns serviced by the owner;

7.1.11 Informal settlements;

7.1.12 State trust land;

7.1.13 Communal land as defined in section 1 of the Communal Land Rights Act of 2004;

7.1.14 Properties-

- acquired through the Provision of the Land and Assistance Act, 1993(Act 126 of 1993), or the Restitution of Land Rights Act, 1994 (Act 22 of 1994); or

- Properties subject to the Communal Property Associations Act, 1996 (Act 28 of 1996);

7.1.15 Protected areas;

7.1.16 Properties on which national monuments are proclaimed;

7.1.17 Properties owned by Public Benefit Societies;

7.1.18 Properties used for multiple purposes;

7.1.19 Privately developed estates.

7.2 In determining the category of a property referred to in 7.1 the municipality shall take into consideration the following criteria or a combination thereof:-

- The use of the property;
- Permitted use of the property; and
- The geographical area in which the property is situated.

7.3 In order to create certainty and to ensure consistency the criteria mentioned in 7.2 shall be applied as indicated below in order of priority and no deviation is permissible:

7.3.1 Properties shall first of all be categorised in accordance with their formal zoning. Town planning schemes, town establishment schemes and town planning regulations may be used to determine the formal zoning.

7.3.2 If, for whatever reason, the status or zoning of a property cannot be determined in terms of 7.3.1 the actual use shall then be determined in order to appropriately categorise such property. All relevant information, including circumstantial evidence, may be taken into consideration in an attempt to determine for what purpose the property is being used. A physical inspection may be done to acquire the necessary information.

7.3.3 The geographical area in which a property is situated may be used to assist in the categorisation of a property when the provisions of 7.3.1 can not be applied. However, the geographical area as a criterion should not be used in isolation.

7.4 Properties used for multiple purposes shall be categorised and rated as provided for in section 9 of the Act and as more fully described in clause 9.

8. CATEGORIES OF OWNERS

8.1 For the purpose of granting exemptions, reductions and rebates in terms of clause 11, 12 and 13 respectively the following categories of owners of properties are determined::

- (a) Those owners who qualify and who are registered as indigents in terms of the adopted indigent policy of the municipality;
- (b) Those owners who do not qualify as indigents in terms of the adopted indigent policy of the municipality but whose total monthly income is less than the amount annually determined by the municipality in its budget;
- (c) Owners of property situated within an area affected by-
 - i. a disaster within the meaning of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002); or
 - ii. serious adverse social or economic conditions.
- (d) Owners of residential properties with a market value below the amount as determined annually by the municipality in its budget; and
- (e) Owners of agricultural properties as referred to in clause 13.1 (e).

9. PROPERTIES USED FOR MULTIPLE PURPOSES

9.1 Rates on properties used for multiple purposes will be levied as follows:

- (a) In accordance with the "permitted use of the property".
- (b) In accordance with the "dominant use of the property" if (a) cannot be applied; or
- (c) In accordance with the "different uses" by apportioning the market value of a category of property to the different purposes for which the property is used if both (a) and (b) above cannot be applied.

10. DIFFERENTIAL RATING

10.1 Criteria for differential rating on different categories of properties will be according to-

- (a) The nature of the property including its sensitivity to rating e.g. agricultural properties used for agricultural purposes.
 - (b) The promotion of social and economic development of the municipality.
- 10.2 Differential rating among the various property categories will be done by way of setting different cent amount in the rand for each property category; and
- 10.3 by way of reductions and rebates as provided for in this policy document.

11. EXEMPTIONS

11.1 The following categories of property are exempted from rates:

(a) Municipal properties

Municipal properties are exempted from paying rates as it will increase the rates burden or service charges to property owners or consumers.

(b) Residential properties

All residential properties with a market value of less than the amount as annually determined by the municipality are exempted from paying rates. The impermissible rates contemplated in terms of section 17(1) (h) of the Property Rates Act is included in the amount referred to above as annually determined by the municipality. This is an important part of the council's indigent policy and is aimed primarily at alleviating poverty.

(c) Cemeteries and crematoriums

Registered in the names of private persons and operated not for gain.

(d) Public Service Infrastructure

Is exempted from paying rates as they provide essential services to the community

(e) Public Benefit Organisations

The following Public Benefit Organisations may apply for the exemption of property rates subject to producing a tax exemption certificate issued by the South African Revenue Services (SARS) as contemplated in Part 1 of the Ninth Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1962 (No 58 of 1962):

- i. Health care institutions
Properties used exclusively as a hospital, clinic and mental hospital, including workshops used by the inmates, laundry or cafeteria facilities, provided that any profits from the use of the property are used entirely for the benefit of the institution and/or to charitable purposes within the municipality.
- ii. Welfare institutions
Properties used exclusively as an orphanage, non-profit retirement villages, old age home or benevolent/charitable institution, including workshops used by the inmates, laundry or cafeteria facilities, provided that any profits from the use of the property are used entirely for the benefit of the institution and/or to charitable purposes within the municipality.
- iii. Educational institutions
Property belonging to educational institutions declared or registered by law.
- iv. Independent schools
Property used by registered independent schools for educational purposes only.
- v. Charitable institutions
Property belonging to not-for-gain institutions or organisations that perform charitable work.
- vi. Sporting bodies
Property used by an organisation whose sole purpose is to use the property for sporting purposes on a non-professional basis.
- vii. Cultural institutions
Properties declared in terms of the Cultural Institutions Act, Act 29 of 1969 or the Cultural Institutions Act, Act 66 of 1989.
- viii. Museums, libraries, art galleries and botanical gardens

Registered in the name of private persons, open to the public and not operated for gain.

ix. Youth development organisations

Property owned and/or used by organisations for the provision of youth leadership or development programmes.

x. Animal welfare

Property owned or used by institutions/organisations whose exclusive aim is to protect birds, reptiles and animals on a not-for-gain basis.

11.2 Exemptions will be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) all applications referred to in 11.1 (e) must be addressed in writing to the municipality;
- (b) a SARS tax exemption certificate must be attached to all applications;
- (c) the municipal manager or his/her nominee must approve all applications;
- (d) applications must reach the municipality before the end of October preceding the start of the new municipal financial year for which relief is sought; and
- (e) the municipality retains the right to refuse exemptions if the details supplied in the application form were incomplete, incorrect or false.

12. REDUCTIONS

12.1 Reductions as contemplated in section 15 of the Act will be considered on an *ad-hoc* basis in the event of the following:

12.1.1 Partial or total destruction of a property.

12.1.2 Disasters as defined in the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act 57 of 2002).

12.2 The following conditions shall be applicable in respect of 12.1:-

12.2.1 The owner referred to in 12.1.1 shall apply in writing for a reduction and the onus will rest on such applicant to prove to the satisfaction of the municipality that his property has been totally or partially destroyed. He/ she will also have to indicate to what extent the property can still be used and the impact on the value of the property.

- 12.2.2 Property owners will only qualify for a rebate if affected by a disaster as referred to in the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002).
- 12.2.3 A maximum reduction of 60% will be allowed in respect of both 12.1.1 and 12.1.2.
- 12.2.4 An ad-hoc reduction will not be given for a period in excess of 6 months, unless the municipality gives further extension on application.
- 12.2.5 If rates were paid in advance prior to granting of a reduction the municipality will give credit to such an owner as from the date of reduction until the date of lapse of the reduction or the end of the period for which payment was made whichever occurs first.

13. REBATES

13.1. Categories of property

(a) Business, commercial and industrial properties

- i. The municipality may grant rebates to rateable enterprises that promote local, social and economic development in its area of jurisdiction, based on its Local, Social and Economic Development Policy. The following criteria will apply:
 - a. job creation in the municipal area;
 - b. social upliftment of the local community; and
 - c. creation of infrastructure for the benefit of the community.
- ii. A maximum rebate as annually determined by the municipality will be granted on application subject to:
 - a. a business plan issued by the directors of the company indicating how the local, social and economic development objectives of the municipality are going to be met;
 - b. a continuation plan issued by the directors and certified by auditors of the company stating that the objectives have been met

- ii. An rebate of 70% as annually determined by the municipality will be granted in respect of the following:
 - a. For the permanent employment of 1 or more legally employed farm workers for an average continuous period of twelve months in accordance with applicable minimum service conditions set by the Department of Labour;
 - b. For the provision of permanent accommodation to farm workers and their dependants or families;
 - c. if such residential properties are provided with potable water;
 - d. if the farmer for the farm workers electrifies such residential properties.
 - e. if such residential properties are provided with electricity, solar power or generators.

- iii. The granting of additional rebates is subject to the following:
 - a. the submission of an affidavit by 30 September each year including a certificate from the owner's auditors indicating how service delivery and development obligations of the municipality and contribution to the social and economic welfare of farm workers were met;
 - b. an assessment by the municipal manager or his/her nominee indicating that the application qualifies; and
 - c. a municipal council resolution.

13.2 Categories of owners

- (a) Retired and Disabled Persons Rate Rebate
 - i. Retired and Disabled Persons qualify for special rebates according to monthly household income. To qualify for the rebate a property owner must:
 - a. occupy the property as his/her normal residence;
 - b. be at least 60 years of age or in receipt of a disability pension from the Department of Welfare and Population Development;

- c. be in receipt of a total monthly income from all sources (including income of spouses of owner) not exceeding R21600 per annum;
 - d. not be the owner of more than one property; and
 - e. provided that where the owner is unable to occupy the property due to no fault of his/her own, the spouse or minor children may satisfy the occupancy requirement.
 - ii. Property owners must apply on a prescribed application form for a rebate as determined by the municipality.
 - iii. Applications must be accompanied by-
 - a. a certified copy of the identity document or any other proof of the owners age which is acceptable to the municipality;
 - b. sufficient proof of income of the owner and his/her spouse;
 - c. an affidavit from the owner;
 - d. if the owner is a disabled person proof of a disability pension payable by the state must be supplied; and
 - e. if the owner has retired at an earlier stage for medical reasons proof thereof must be submitted.
 - iv. These applications must reach the municipality before the end of October preceding the start of the new municipal financial year for which relief is sought.
 - v. The municipality retains the right to refuse rebates if the details supplied in the application form were incomplete, incorrect or false.
- (b) Child headed families
 - i. Families headed by children qualify for special rebates according to monthly household income. To qualify for the rebate the head of the family must:
 - a. occupy the property as his/her normal residence;
 - b. not be older than 18 years of age;

- c. still be a scholar or jobless; and
 - d. be in receipt of a total monthly income from all sources not exceeding R21600 per annum;
- ii. The family head must apply on a prescribed application form for a rebate as determined by the municipality and must be assisted by the municipality with completion of the application form;
- iii. Applications must be accompanied by-
 - a. a certified copy of the identity document or any other proof of the applicant's age which is acceptable to the municipality;
 - b. sufficient proof of total household income;
 - c. an affidavit from the applicant;
- iv. These applications must reach the municipality before the end of October preceding the start of the new municipal financial year for which relief is sought.
- v. The municipality retains the right to refuse rebates if the details supplied in the application form were incomplete, incorrect or false.

13.3 Properties with a market value below a prescribed valuation level

These properties may, instead of a rate being determined on the market value, be rated a uniform fixed amount per property.

13.4 The extent of the rebate in terms of 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 shall annually be determined by the municipality and it shall be included in the annual budget.

14. PAYMENT OF RATES

14.1 Ratepayers may choose between paying rates annually in one instalment on or before 30 September or in twelve equal instalments on or before the seventh day of the month following on the month in which it becomes payable.

- 14.2 If the owner of property that is subject to rates, notify the municipal manager or his/her nominee in writing not later than 31 May in any financial year, or such later date in such financial year as may be determined by the municipal manager or his/her nominee that he/she wishes to pay all rates in respect of such property in instalments, such owner shall be entitled to pay all rates in the subsequent financial year and each subsequent financial year in twelve instalments until such notice is withdrawn by him/her in a similar manner.
- 14.3 Interest on arrears rates, whether payable on or before 30 September or in equal monthly instalments, shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the credit control, debt collection and indigent policy of the municipality.
- 14.4 If a property owner who is responsible for the payment of property rates in terms of this policy, fails to pay such rates in the prescribed manner, it will be recovered from him/her in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Control, Debt Collection and indigent policy of the Municipality.
- 14.5 Arrears rates shall be recovered from tenants, occupiers and agents of the owner, in terms of section 28 and 29 of the Act as follows:
- 14.5.1 If an amount, due for rates levied on a property, is not paid by the owner by the due date as shown on the account and no reaction is forthcoming from the owner after two written reminders have been issued, the municipality shall recover the amount in full or partially as follows:
- 14.5.2 From the agent who is lawfully responsible to collect commission or rental in respect of the property concerned;
- 14.5.3 From a tenant or occupier of the property, only after an attempt was made to collect it from an agent refer to in 14.5.2 but such attempt was unsuccessful or no such agent exists or only a part of the outstanding amount could successfully be recovered.
- 14.5.4 The amount recoverable is limited to the amount as stipulated in the Act and it may only be recovered after written notice has been served on the party

concerned (tenant, occupier or agent) of the rates due and payable, but not yet paid by owner of the property.

14.5.5 The notice referred to in 14.5.4 shall give the party concerned at least 14 calendar days to pay the outstanding rates.

14.6 Where the rates levied on a particular property have been incorrectly determined, whether because of an error or omission on the part of the municipality or false information provided by the property owner concerned or a contravention of the permitted use to which the property concerned may be put, the rates payable shall be appropriately adjusted for the period extending from the date on which the error or omission is detected back to the date on which rates were first levied in terms of the current valuation roll.

14.7 In addition, where the error occurred because of false information provided by the property owner or as a result of a contravention of the permitted use of the property concerned, interest on the unpaid portion of the adjusted rates payable shall be levied at the maximum rate permitted by prevailing legislation.

15. ACCOUNTS TO BE FURNISHED

15.1 The municipality will furnish each person liable for the payment of rates with a written account, which will specify:

- (i) the amount due for rates payable,
- (ii) the date on or before which the amount is payable,
- (iii) how the amount was calculated,
- (iv) the market value of the property, and
- (v) rebates, exemptions, reductions or phasing-in, if applicable.

15.2 A person liable for payment of rates remains liable for such payment, whether or not such person has received a written account from the municipality. If the person concerned has not received a written account, he/she must make the necessary enquiries with the municipality.

15.3 In the case of joint ownership the municipality shall consistently, in order to minimise costs and unnecessary administration, recover rates from one of the joint owners only provided that it takes place with the consent of the owners concerned.

16. PHASING IN OF RATES

16.1 The rates to be levied on newly rateable property shall be phased in as explicitly provided for in section 21 of the Act.

16.2 The phasing-in discount on the properties referred to in section 21 shall be as follows:

- First year : 75% of the relevant rate;
- Second year : 50% of the relevant rate; and
- Third year : 25% of the relevant rate.

16.3 No rates shall be levied on newly rateable properties that are owned and used by organisations conducting activities that are beneficial to the public and that are registered in terms of the Income Tax Act for those activities, during the first year. Thereafter, the phasing-in discount on these properties shall be as indicated in paragraph 16.2 above

17. SPECIAL RATING AREAS

17.1 The municipality will, whenever deemed necessary, by means of a formal Council resolution determine special rating areas in consultation with the relevant communities as provided for in section 22 of the Act.

17.2 The following matters shall be attended to in consultation with the committee referred to in clause 17.3 whenever special rating is being considered:

17.2.1 Proposed boundaries of the special rating area;

17.2.2 Statistical data of the area concerned giving a comprehensive picture of the number of erven with its zoning, services being rendered and detail of services such as capacity, number of vacant erven and services that are not rendered;

17.2.3 Proposed improvements clearly indicating the estimated costs of each individual improvement;

- 17.2.4 Proposed financing of the improvements or projects;
 - 17.2.5 Priority of projects if more than one;
 - 17.2.6 Social economic factors of the relevant community;
 - 17.2.7 Different categories of property;
 - 17.2.8 The amount of the proposed special rating;
 - 17.2.9 Details regarding the implementation of the special rating;
 - 17.2.10 The additional income that will be generated by means of this special rating.
- 17.3 A committee consisting of 6 members of the community of whom 3 shall be women will be established to advise and consult the municipality in regard to the proposed special rating referred to above. This committee will be elected by the inhabitants of the area concerned who are 18 years of age or older. No person under the age of 18 may be elected to serve on the committee. The election of the committee will happen under the guidance of the Municipal Manager. The committee will serve in an advisory capacity only and will have no decisive powers.
- 17.4 The required consent of the relevant community shall be obtained in writing or by means of a formal voting process under the chairmanship of the Municipal Manager. A majority shall be regarded as 50% plus one of the households affected. Each relevant household, i.e. every receiver of a monthly municipal account, will have 1 vote only.
- 17.5 In determining the special additional rates the municipality shall differentiate between different categories as referred to in clause 7.
- 17.6 The additional rates levied shall be utilised for the purpose of improving or upgrading of the specific area only and not for any other purposes whatsoever.
- 17.7 The municipality shall establish separate accounting and other record-keeping systems, compliant with GAMAP/GRAP, for the identified area and the households concerned shall be kept informed of progress with projects and financial implications on an annual basis.

18. FREQUENCY OF VALUATION

18.1 The municipality shall prepare a new valuation roll every 4 (four) years, with the option to extend the validity of the valuation roll to 5 (five) years with the approval of the MEC for Local Government and Housing in the province.

18.2 Supplementary valuations will be done on a continual basis to ensure that the valuation roll is properly maintained.

19. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

19.1 Before the municipality adopts the rates policy, the municipal manager will follow the process of community participation envisaged in chapter 4 of the Municipal Systems Act and comply with the following requirements:

19.1.1 Conspicuously display the draft rates policy for a period of at least 30 days at the municipality's head and satellite offices and libraries (and on the website)

19.1.2 Advertise in the media a notice stating that the draft rates policy has been prepared for submission to council and that such policy is available at the various municipal offices and on the website for public inspection. (Property owners and interest persons may obtain a copy of the draft policy from the municipal offices during office hours at a fee of R75 per copy.) Property owners and interest persons are invited to submit written comments or representations to the municipality within the specified period in the notice.

19.1.3 Council will consider all comments and/or representations received when considering the finalisation of the rates policy.

20 REGISTER OF PROPERTIES

20.1 The municipality will compile and maintain a register in respect of all properties situated within the jurisdiction of the municipality. The register will be divided into Part A and Part B.

20.2 Part A of the register will consist of the current valuation roll of the municipality and will include all supplementary valuations done from time to time.

20.3 Part B of the register will specify which properties on the valuation roll or any supplementary valuation roll are subject to:

- i. Exemption from rates in terms of section 15 of the Property Rates Act,
- ii. Rebate or reduction in terms of section 15,
- iii. Phasing-in of rates in terms of section 21, and
- iv. Exclusions as referred to in section 17.

20.4 The register will be open for inspection by the public at the municipal main offices during office hours or on the website of the municipality.

20.5 The municipality will update Part A of the register every 6 months during the supplementary valuation process.

20.6 Part B of the register will be updated on a continuous basis.....

21. BY-LAWS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE RATES POLICY

21.1 The municipality will adopt By-laws to give effect to the implementation of the Rates Policy and such By-laws may differentiate between different categories of properties and different categories of owners of properties liable for the payment of rates.

22. REGULAR REVIEW PROCESSES

22.1 The rates policy must be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it complies with the Municipality's strategic objectives as contained in the Integrated Development Plan and with legislation.

23 ENFORCEMENT/IMPLEMENTATION

23.1 This policy has been approved by the Municipality in terms of resolution
.....dated and comes into effect from 1 July 2008