

KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY

LEVYING OF RATES 2016/17

Notification in terms of Section 14 (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act No. 6 of 2004

Notice is hereby given that the following resolutions have been taken by the KwaDukuza Municipality, in terms of Sections 17 and 24 of the Municipal Finance Management Act No 56 of 2003, read with Section 14 (1) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act No. 6 of 2004:

DETERMINATION OF RATES

In terms of the Rates Policy 2016/2017, the Municipality may levy different rates for different categories of properties. The rating structure for 2016/2017 financial year is proposed as follows:

- 0.635 cents in the Rand on the market value in respect of residential properties (including bed and breakfast establishments consisting of three bedrooms or less), and property categories not stated hereunder.
- 0.696 cents in the Rand on the market value in respect of residential properties used for commercial purposes (including bed and breakfast establishments comprising more than 3 bedrooms, apartment and villa establishments, and guesthouses of up to six rooms).
- 0.159 cents in the Rand on the market value in respect of agricultural properties and public service infrastructure properties.
- 1.965 cents in the Rand on the market value in respect of industrial, business and commercial properties, vacant properties, public benefit organisations, properties owned by an organ of state and used for public service purposes, and properties used for worship.
- 1.770 cents in the Rand on the market value in respect of guesthouses of more than 6 rooms.
- An additional 0.36 cents in the Rand on the market value in respect of commercial properties situated within the Special Rating Area as designated by Council
- That, in respect of improved residential properties, in addition to the statutory reduction of R15 000, a further reduction of R85 000 is approved for property values exceeding R130 000. Persons owning improved residential property with a rateable value of R130 000 and below will be not be liable for the payment of rates.
- That improved residential property with a rateable value of R130 000 and below, owned by registered indigent beneficiaries be exempt from the calculation of rates.
- That the first R50 000 of all vacant residential properties owned by registered indigent beneficiaries be exempt from the calculation of rates
- The first 30% of all Public Service Infrastructure (PSI) properties be exempt from the calculation of rates.

EXEMPTIONS, REBATES AND REDUCTIONS

That in terms of qualifying criteria set out in the rates policy of the Council, the 2016/17 rates be subject to the following exemptions, rebates and reductions:

- A general rebate in respect of all categories of properties, excluding properties in receipt of developers' rebates: 6%

The following shall apply after deduction of the general rebate:

- Pensioners and Disability Grantees rebates:
 - Applicants under the age of 65 years - 25%
 - Applicants between 65 and 75 years - 30%
 - Applicants older than 75 years - 35%
- Agricultural properties: 50%
- Rebate: child headed households: 100%
- Excluded Services Rebate: 15%
- Places of worship: 100%

- Public benefit organizations: 100%
- Land reform beneficiaries: 100%
- State land: 100%
- Developers incentives (commercial), general rebate not applicable:

100% rebate	-	Year 1
90% rebate	-	Year 2
80% rebate	-	Year 3
70% rebate	-	Year 4
60% rebate	-	Year 5
No Incentive	-	From year 6 onwards
- Developers incentives (residential), applicable in respect of **existing** service level agreements only, general rebate not applicable:

100% rebate	-	Year 1
100% rebate	-	Year 2
90% rebate	-	Year 3
80% rebate	-	Year 4
70% rebate	-	Year 5
60% rebate	-	Year 6
50% rebate	-	Year 7
No Incentive	-	From year 8 onwards
- 40% rebate in respect of the following PSI properties (phasing out of rates):
 - national, provincial or other public roads on which goods, services or labour move across a municipal boundary;
 - water or sewer pipes, ducts or other conduits, dams, water supply reservoirs, water treatment plants or water pumps forming part of a water or sewer; and
 - railway lines forming part of a national railway system.

DATE OF OPERATION OF DETERMINATION OF RATES

That this determination comes into operation on 01 July 2016.

FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT OF RATES:

- **Annual payment of rates:** That the final date for the payment of annual rates be fixed at 30 September 2016. Interest and administration charges will be raised in terms of Council's Credit Control Policy and Tariff of Charges. Any capital rates outstanding as at 30 November 2016 will be subject to an administration charge of 10% as stipulated in Council's Credit Control Policy and Tariff of Charges.
- **Monthly rates payments:** That rates may be paid in 11 (eleven) equal instalments with the first instalment payable on or before the last municipal working day of August 2016. Thereafter each monthly instalment must be paid on or before the last working day of each month and provided that interest will accrue at 15.5% per annum in terms of Council's Credit Control Policy and Tariff of Charges if an instalment is not paid by the last working day of the month. Any capital rates outstanding as at 30 June 2017 will be subject to an administration charge of 10% as stipulated in Council's Credit Control Policy and Tariff of Charges.
- Council will by special arrangement with individual property owners agree that rates be paid annually. Application to pay rates on an annual basis must be completed by 15 July 2016.

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