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DRAFT BUDGET 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Draft Budget for KwaDukuza Local Municipality is published in accordance with the Municipal Finance Management Act, no. 56 of 2003, the Municipal Property Rates Act, no. 6 of 2004 and the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, no. 32 of 2000. This Draft budget was tabled by the Honourable Mayor, at the full Council meeting which was held on Thursday, 27 March 2025.

Council has proposed the following tariff increases to be implemented with effect from 1 July 2025:

PROPERTY RATES:

0% increase in rates with a 7% reduction in rebate structure (from 25% rebate to 18%)

RATE RANDAGE (same as 2024/25 financial year)

- 0.9675 cents in the rand for residential property
- 0.2419 cent in the rand for agricultural properties and public service infrastructure properties
- 2.9929 cent in the rand for industrial, business and commercial properties, vacant properties, public benefit organisations and properties used for worship

REFUSE REMOVAL

A maximum of 7.3 %

GENERAL TARIFFS

Various increases as per tariff of charges

ELECTRICITY TARIFFS

An average of 10.7% (SUBJECT TO NERSA APPROVAL)

EXTRACTS OF ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE-2025/26

The draft extracts of the estimates of income and expenditure for the financial year ending 30 June 2026, are hereby published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, no. 56 of 2003.

DRAFT OPERATIONAL BUDGET				
DESCRIPTION	DRAFT BUDGET	DESCRIPTION	DRAFT BUDGET	
REVENUE BY SOURCE		EXPENDITURE BY SOURCE		
Property rates	R824,387,158	Employee related costs	R640,817,037	
Service charges - electricity revenue	R1,534,762,072	Remuneration of councillors	R33,638,119	
Service charges - refuse revenue	R108,227,469	Bad Debts Written Off	R2,840,000	
Rental of facilities and equipment	R3,610,000	Depreciation & asset impairment	R179,432,742	
Interest earned - external investments	R47,962,935	Finance charges	R14,300,000	
Interest earned - outstanding debtors	R14,750,000	Bulk purchases	R1,436,917,391	
Fines, penalties and forfeits	R41,119,000	Other materials	R28,963,753	
Licenses and permits	R1,660,000	Contracted services	R385,721,833	
Agency services	R14,500,000	Transfers and grants	R16,706,382	
Transfers recognised - operational	R311,327,250	Other expenditure	R158,252,126	
Other revenue	R58,000,842	Debt impairment	R29,240,644	
Gains	R5,000,000	Losses	R38,321,250	
TOTAL REVENUE	R2,965,306,726	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	R2,965,151,277	

DRAFT CAPITAL BUDGET				
DESCRIPTION	FEBRUARY ADJUSTMENT BUDGET	DESCRIPTION	FEBRUARY ADJUSTMENT BUDGET	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY FUNDING		CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY DEPARTMENT		
External Loans	R-	OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER	R6,426,221	
	K-	CORPORATE SERVICES	R-	
Council Funding	R95,395,495	FINANCE	R-	
	K95,395,495	COMMUNITY SERVICES & PUBLIC AMENITIES	R27,701,458	
Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	R54,551,087	COMMUNITY SAFETY	R-	
		CIVIL ENGINEERING	R65,533,903	
		ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	R46,735,000	
		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING		
		& HUMAN SETTLEMENTS	R3,550,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	R149,946,582	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	R149,946,582	
TOTAL DRAFT BUDGET EXPENDITURE			R3,115,097,859	

KwaDukuza Municipality hereby invites the local community and other relevant stakeholders to submit written comments or representations in connection with the draft budget. Written comments should be submitted on or before 12H00 Midday on Monday, 5 May 2025 and should be addressed to the Municipal Manager, Mr NJ Mdakane: KwaDukuza Municipality and can be posted to P.O Box 72, KwaDukuza, 4450, emailed to municipalm@kwadukuza.gov.za or hand delivered to the Municipal offices in 14 Chief Albert Luthuli Street, KwaDukuza.

In terms of Section 21 (4) of the Municipal Systems Act, no.32 of 2000, any person who cannot write may come during office hours to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Customer Query Counter where assistance in transcribing will be provided.

Copies of the Draft Budget are available for inspection at selected Municipal offices as well as on the Municipality's official website at www.kwadukuza.gov.za. Alternatively, the budget office can be contacted for assistance on (032) 437 5179/5265/5521.

KwaDukuza Municipality remains committed to ensuring an inclusive and consultative budget process and encourages all stakeholder to submit their comments prior to the closing date.