

THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



TARIFF POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 A tariff policy must be compiled, adopted and implemented in terms of Section 74 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Government Gazette No. 21776, dated 20 November 2000), such policy to cover, among others, the levying of fees for municipal services provided by the municipality itself or by way of service delivery agreements.

1.2 The tariff policy for Thembisile Hani Local Municipality has been compiled taking into account, where applicable, the guidelines set out in Section 74.

2. PROPERTY RATES

2.1 All rateable property in the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality is to be valued at least once every four years.

2.2 The rate in the rand is to be uniform throughout the municipal area unless otherwise determined by the council.

2.3 Varying rebates on assessment rates will be applied to the following categories:

- a) Farms used for agricultural purposes
- b) Pensioners, who earn less than a determined amount, are at least 60 years of age, are registered owners of the said property and have submitted proof of income to the municipality under oath.
- c) Property located in a rural area used for residential purposes. Newly rateable property as determined by section 21 of the Municipal Property Rating Act

2.4 The rate in the rand, as well as the rebates, will be determined and approved by Council when the budget and tariffs are annually submitted for consideration.

2.5 The Councils Rating Policy shall determine properties or categories of property which shall be exempt from rates. The Rates Policy shall be reviewed by Council at least once annually.

3. WATER

4.1 Water tariffs will be determined as approved by the council in accordance with Department of Water Affairs (DWI) and International Water Association (IWA)

4.2 Adjusted tariffs will be affected from 1 July 2013

4. REFUSE REMOVAL

4.1 The following categories of refuse removal consumers shall be charged at the applicable tariffs, as approved by Council at least one month before implementation, when the budget is compiled:

- a) Domestic
- b) Business/Industrial
- c) Thembisile Hani Local Municipality's departments
- d) Builders/Contractors

4.1 A separate fixed monthly refuse removal charge shall apply to each of the above mentioned categories of users:

4.2 Tariff adjustments will be effected from 1 July each year,

4.3 The council further reserves the right to levy, at a tariff determined charge, casual consumers for the removal of bulk refuse per M₃.

5 SEWERAGE

- 5.1 Water tariffs will be determined by Thembisile Municipality, in terms of DWA and IWA
- 5.2 Adjusted tariffs will be effected from 1 July 2014

6 GENERAL

- 6.1 Uniform rates and tariffs structures shall apply throughout Thembisile Hani's municipal area for all types of services and residents.
- 6.2 The policy of Thembisile Hani Local Municipality for Water, Refuse Removal and Sewerage shall be at least to recover all costs, and whenever appropriate to generate a 10% surplus, or such lesser percentage determined when the budget is compiled and approved by the Council.
- 6.3 The determination of rates and service tariffs shall take into account provisions for bad debts.
- 6.4 All minor tariffs shall be approved and implemented on an annual basis, and shall, when appropriate, be subsidized by the rates account, particularly when the tariffs will prove uneconomical when charged at cost or when cost cannot accurately be determined or when the tariff is designed purely to regulate rather than finance the use of a particular service or amenity.
- 6.5 Operating surpluses generated through the application of any tariff for any service will form part of the general operating income of the council,
- 6.6 All operating surpluses will at year-end be consolidated and shall accrue to the general operating surplus of the council.

6.7 All minor tariffs shall be standardized with the municipal region.

6.8 Minor tariffs includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a) Cemetery fees
- b) Housing rentals
- c) Library fees (e.g. membership, fines, lost books)
- d) Trading licenses
- e) Rental: Halls and Stadiums
- f) Application fees for town planning and related issues
- g) Rental Sport grounds
- h) Refuse removal: mass removal
- i) Illegal Dumping
- j) Refuse bin sales
- k) Clearance certificates
- l) Connection and disconnection fees
- m) Meter installation fees (Pre-paid Water)

6.9 Where the imposition of fees, tariffs or fines are not expressly mentioned in the tariff policy document, council resolution or where applicable, the tariff determination of the relevant by-laws shall apply.

