

## **FRAUD ALERT**

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### **SCAM SOLICITING CASH FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Polokwane Municipality warns the public against a syndicate operated in the Seshego and Extensions by persons claiming to be employees or service providers of the municipality. The municipality has been made aware of fraud activities by persons soliciting money from rental rooms owners in the Seshego area and Extensions.

The fraudsters, allegedly, demand zoning certificate from property owners with threats that their municipal services would be cut, should they fail to produce the document. The property owners are, then, given a fake form to fill in and ordered to make cash payment to avoid disconnection of services.

Municipal employees will identify themselves by means of identification cards and will issue a notice should they find any contravention to building regulations; and will never demand any cash. In most cases, they will be accompanied by municipal law enforcement officers.

Polokwane Municipality strongly condemns such activities aimed at deliberately misleading the public. The municipality warns the public to be vigilant and to verify information with the municipality; and to report such activities to the nearest police or Polokwane Municipality's Law Enforcement office at 015 023 5484.

Toll free fraud hotline: 0800 205 053

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