



# **WATER TARIFF POLICY**

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## PREAMBLE

**Whereas** section 74 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No 32 of 2000) requires a municipal council to adopt a tariff policy on the levying of fees for municipal services;

**And whereas** the tariff policy should at least include the principles contained in section 74(2) of the Act, thus giving effect to the By-Law required in terms of section 75 of the Act;

**And whereas** the tariff policy may differentiate between different categories of users, debtors, service providers, service standards and geographical areas as long as such differentiations do not amount up to unfair discrimination;

**Now therefore** the Municipal Council of the Polokwane Municipality adopts the following Tariff Policy:

### 1 WATER.

1.1 The categories of water consumers as set out in clause 9.3.4 shall be charged at the applicable tariffs as approved by the Council in each annual budget.

1.2 The first 6kl of water consumption per month shall be supplied pro rata free of charge to all indigent water consumers.

1.3 Because water is a scarce national resource, and this Municipality is committed to the prudent conservation of such resources, the tariff levied for domestic consumption of water shall escalate according to the volume of water consumed.

1.4 The tariffs for consumption of purified water shall be based on the levels reflected in the following table:-

CATEGORY OF CONSUMER	BASIC FIXED CHARGE (RAND/METER/MONTH)	UNIT CHARGE PER KL	LEVEL OF CONSUMPTION (RAND)
DOMESTIC SUPPLY		X	0 - 5 KL 6 -15 KL 16 - 30 KL 31 -50 KL 51-100 KL >100 KL
NON-DOMESTIC SUPPLY	X	X	0 - 30 KL 31 -50 KL 51-100 KL >100 KL
CATEGORY OF CONSUMER	BASIC FIXED CHARGE (RAND/METER/MONTH)	UNIT CHARGE PER KL	LEVEL OF CONSUMPTION (RAND)
INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	X	X	0 - 30 KL 31 - 50 KL 51-100 KL 101-20 000 KL >20 000 KL

SILIKON SMELTERS	X	X	Subject to CR92/11/19
PUBLIC WORKS	X	X	Flat Rate
DALMADA WATER CORPORATION & BROADLANDS	X	X	Flat Rate
SCHOOLS & HOSTELS	X	X	Flat Rate
POTGIETERSRUS PLATINUM LTD	X	X	Flat Rate
LEZMIN 3535	X	X	Flat Rate
Departmental (Municipality)		X	Flat Rate

1.5 After accounting for free water and basic charges, the cost of water in the first step will be calculated at break even.

1.6 A basic charge per water meter or unit in the municipal area, as determined by the Council from time to time, may be charged against certain water consumers.

1.7 Where consumers within an approved township establishment are not connected to the water services, but can reasonably be so connected, an availability tariff will be payable.

## **2 PROCEDURES AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

2.1 The Municipal Manager shall ensure that procedures to manage all aspects of this Policy are prepared in the form of a manual, reviewed regularly and that these are formally adopted by him for implementation. These procedures will include aspects in this Policy and subscribe to sound principles of internal control.

2.2 The Directors and Managers shall ensure compliance with the procedures as approved from time to time by the Municipal Manager to give effect to the provisions of this Policy.

## **3 SHORT TITLE**

This Policy shall be called the **Tariff Policy of the Polokwane Municipality**.

## **4. IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF POLICY**

This policy shall be implemented and reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that is in line with the municipality's strategic objectives and with legislation.