
MEDIA STATEMENT

For immediate release

Saturday, 09 August 2025

POLOWANE MUNICIPALITY CONDEMNS DELIBERATE ACTS UNDERMINING CITY CLEANLINESS

Polokwane Municipality expresses its disappointment regarding an incident involving individuals who removed rubbish from skip bins on Church Street, adjacent to the taxi rank and irresponsibly scattered it across the road. The municipality is aware that photos of this act were shared on social media with the apparent intent to portray Polokwane as unclean, a narrative that is both **misleading** and **unfair**.

The municipality has promptly escalated this matter to our By-Law Enforcement Unit for a thorough investigation to identify and hold those responsible accountable. The municipality continues to deploy its internal capacity diligently to care for the environment and municipal facilities such as parks and stadiums as a commitment to a healthy and vibrant city.

To set the record straight: Polokwane Municipality maintains a rigorous and consistent cleaning schedule, operating day and night to ensure its streets remain clean and safe. This commitment has been recognized by numerous leaders, including His Excellency **President Cyril Ramaphosa**, who proudly declared Polokwane the “City of Cleanliness.”

Furthermore, COGTA **Minister Inkosi Velenkosini Hlabisa** personally commended the **Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe** on the city’s exemplary cleanliness. The municipality’s standing was further affirmed by leaders from over 200 municipalities nationwide who convened at Jack Botes Hall during the inaugural **National Joint Sitting of the Council of Mayors and Speakers** hosted by SALGA in 2024.

This irresponsible act is detrimental not only to the city’s image but also to public health and community well-being. The municipality therefore calls upon all residents to be vigilant custodians of their environment and to report any activities that threaten the cleanliness and health of their city.

Every resident deserves to live in a clean, healthy environment and together, we must protect it.

END

ISSUED BY POLOWANE MUNICIPALITY: Communications and Marketing Unit

 Polokwane Municipality  @PolokwaneMuni  Polokwane Municipality  www.polokwane.gov.za

For media inquiries, please contact:

Thipa Selala | 067 644 8021 | thipas@polokwane.gov.za