

SASSA MAKES DOUBLE PAYMENTS ON SOME COVID-19 GRANTS

South Africa – SASSA started with double payments for outstanding June and July accounts for the R350 special relief grant. This was done to avoid a situation where beneficiaries of the COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress grant have to make two trips to the post office and to eradicate the backlog of payments. The move was met with much appreciation and excitement on social media. SASSA also reconsidered applications made in May against updated databases received, which resulted in an additional approximately 1 million applicants being approved for the grant. This will drastically reduce the number of potential appeals and will also cushion the affected beneficiaries against the current impact of the lockdown. Payments for June and July have started with transfers into the bank accounts of those who have bank accounts. Payments for those who receive their money through the post office will be done

progressively throughout the month, to try and limit the number of people at the post offices daily. Beneficiaries are reminded that they should only visit the post office once they have received an SMS saying their money has been paid in and is ready for collection. **SASSA press release, 22 July 2020**



MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE: RESOLUTION FOR PROPOSED PROPERTY RATES
IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR
1 JULY 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021

Notice is hereby given that, in terms of section 14(3) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act 6 of 2004) read with section 21A of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) the following proposed property rates will be levied by resolution of the Council, Resolution No. 173/05/2020 dated 28 May 2020, in respect of the above mentioned financial year on the different categories of rateable property recorded in the general valuation roll:

The ratio indicated next to the category of property is in relation to residential property.

- (a) **Residential properties**
On the market value and the following tariff levied as rates on the property: **0,000813** cents in the Rand.
The first R 17 000.00 of the market value of all residential properties will be exempted from property rates.
- (b) **Mining properties**
On the market value and the following tariff levied as rates on the property: **0,08622** cents in the Rand.
- (c) **Businesses and Commercial**
Businesses: On the market value and the following tariff levied as rates on the property: **0,02049** cents in the Rand.
(i) Shopping complexes
All shopping complexes and shopping malls on the market value and the following tariff levied as rates on the property: **0,02049** cents in the Rand.
- Commercial:** Holiday resorts and hotels with and without gambling rights in terms of the National Gambling Act, Act No. 7 of 2004, motels, entertainment centres including hospitality properties, offices, garages and shopping centres as follows:
(i) Holiday resorts with gambling rights
On the market value and the following tariff levied as rates on the property: **0,04054** cents in the Rand.
(ii) Holiday resorts without gambling rights
On the market value and the following tariff levied as rates on the property: **0,03616** cents in the Rand.
- (d) **Public Service Infrastructure (PSI) properties**
A **rate ratio of 1:0,25** is applied. This includes Eskom servitudes/way leaves, Telkom, MTN, Vodacom, Cell C, Roads, Railway lines, Runways and Air Traffic Control Units, National and Provincial Roads – On the market value and the following tariff levied as rates on the property: **0,0002034** cents in the Rand.
The first 100% of the market value of PSI will be exempted from property rates. The third year phasing-out discount of 70% is also applicable.
- (e) **Public Service Purposes**
State owned properties used as Hospitals, Clinics, Hospices, Libraries, Police Stations, Correctional Facilities, Courts of Law, Schools, Colleges and Universities on the market value and the following tariff levied as rates on the property: **0,06302** cents in the Rand.
- (f) **Public Benefit Organisations (PBO)**
A **rate ratio of 1:0,25** is applied. This includes Welfare & Caring Institutions approved in terms of section 30 of the Income Tax Act 58 of 1962 - On the market value and the following tariff levied as rates on the property: **0,0002034** cents in the Rand.
- (g) **Agricultural Property (Farms and Small Holdings)**
A **rate ratio of 1:0,25** is applied. On the market value and the following tariff levied as rates on the property: **0.0002034** cents in the Rand.
- (h) **Industrial undertakings**
On the market value and the following tariff levied as rates on the property **0,00658** cents in the Rand.
- (i) **Multiple purpose properties**
On the market value and the relevant determined tariff levied as rates on the property for the particular purpose that such land is used for in terms of the property rates policy of Council.
- (j) **Vacant land**
On the market value and the following determined tariff levied as rates on the property:
0,08622 B cents in the Rand.
- (k) **Other properties as determined by the Minister of local government**
None
- (l) **Other properties as determined by the Municipality and approved by the Minister of local government**
None
- (m) **Rebates**

Category/Description	Proposed rebate	Council's adopted rebate
Public Service Infrastructure (PSI)	Rate ratio 1:0,25 100% discount Phase out 5 years	
Properties used by Public Benefit Organisations (PBO)	Rate ratio 1:0,25	
Residential Properties (S.17(1)(h))	R 17 000.00	
Agricultural Land	Rate ratio 1:0,25	
Pensioner Households on residential properties only		
➤ Household with income equal to 2 x monthly Old Persons Grant or less	100%	
Indigent Households – Registered as indigent		
➤ Household with income equal to 2 x monthly Old Persons Grant or less	100%	
Places of worship (Churches)	100%	
Vacant Land-Incentive/Rebate to Developers subject to conditions	80%	

- (n) **Tribal Land**
All rateable properties under tribal management registered in the name of the tribe will be remitted from property rates for the financial year 2020/2021, but excluding the following properties:
State owned and parastatal owned institutions like hospitals, schools, tertiary education facilities, administration buildings, post offices, magistrate courts, PSI buildings and installations, military bases, mines, mining installations and buildings including dwelling houses and infrastructure, servitudes, or any right in land utilized for business purposes. Holiday resorts and hotels with and without gambling rights, motels, entertainment centres and any right in land, including commercial and industrial buildings, offices, garages/service stations, shopping centres and businesses.
- (o) **General**
The amounts due for rates as indicated in this notice shall become due and payable on 1 July 2020 but may be paid in 12 equal installments at the end of each calendar month during the financial year.
Interest at 7.75 percent will be charged on all amounts in arrears after the fixed date or dates. No interest will be charged on government institutions. Defaulters are liable to legal proceedings for recovery of such arrear amounts.

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BAD SMELL FROM A FIRE?
BAD FOR YOU TOO!

[LETTER TO THE EDITOR]

Rustenburg – How often do we shake our heads and wonder how a seemingly healthy and energetic person became ill with cancer? One of the causes of cancer is from the air we breathe. When we make an open-air fire in a waste pit to burn domestic waste, we also burn plastic. Incineration of plastic waste in open areas is a major source of air pollution, which is harmful to human and animal health, as well as to vegetation. Domestic low-temperature fires release toxic gasses like dioxins, furans, mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (better known as BCPs) into the air which are cancer-causing. Besides aerosol contamination, dioxins settle on crops and in our waterways where they eventually enter our food and get ingested into our bodies. These dioxins are potentially lethal persistent organic pollutants that can cause cancer and disrupt endocrine and respiratory systems. Plastic chemical emissions are associated with a myriad of other health problems – they can aggravate respiratory ailments such as asthma and emphysema and cause rashes, nausea or headaches and allergies. They can also increase the risk of heart disease and impact the nervous system and even fertility. In countries where domestic waste is incinerated to produce energy, it is done at very high temperatures and the smoke that is released is done so through chimneys that have scrubbers on them to capture the carcinogens. Burning plastic also releases black carbon (soot), which contributes to climate change and air pollution, but studies have shown as much as 40% of the world's garbage is burnt. The open fires bylaw amended October 2017 by the Rustenburg Local Municipality council, as well as the Rustenburg Local Municipality air pollution bylaw, all indicates that burning domestic waste is illegal. For the sake of your health please bring this danger to the attention of people who still make use of open-air burns. **Concerned community member**



Image by Juan Reyes

RUSTENBURG SPCA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rustenburg – The Rustenburg Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' (SPCA) annual general meeting will take place on Friday 31 July at 15:00 at their premises, 11 Escom Street, Rustenburg. All interested parties are welcome. To comply with the COVID-19 rules and regulations, all attendees are required to wear a mask, sanitise and keep a safe social distance. Only 50 people will be allowed at the meeting. **Please RSVP before 30 July via WhatsApp on 0848855173 or via email on volunteers@spcartb.org.za.**



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3 BEDROOM HOUSE + VACANT STAND, KOSTER



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