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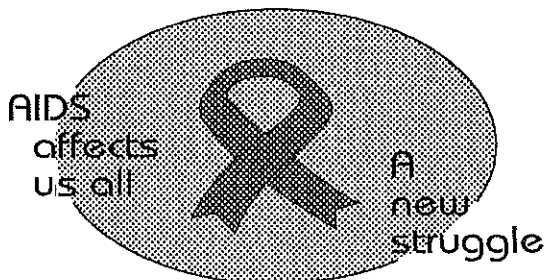
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PROVINCIAL NOTICE 296 OF 2023



THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



**APPROVED GENERAL RATES / TARIFFS IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR
1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 24(2)(c)(i) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003, section 4(1)(c)(ii) section 74 and 75 A of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000 and Section 14 of the Local Government Municipal Property Rates Act, Act 6 of 2004, that Thaba Chweu Local Municipality at a meeting held on **31 May 2023**, determined the following approved general rates in respect of the **2023/2024** financial year as per **Resolution A/43/2023** on a rateable property recorded in the valuation roll for all properties situated within the area of jurisdiction of Thaba Chweu Local Municipality

| THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. APPROVED TARIFFS FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR | | | | | |
| Description | Approved 2022/2023 | | Approved 2023/2024 | | |
| RESIDENTIAL: HOUSES / FLATS (ALL TOWNS) CONVENTIONAL AND PREPAID CONSUMERS | | | | | |
| 1.1 UNIT COST PER KWH : | | | | | |
| Energy Rate (c/kwh) (<=50kwh) | R | 1.3523 | | 1.5565 | |
| Energy Rate (c/kwh) (51-350kwh) | R | 1.7386 | | 2.0012 | |
| Energy Rate (c/kwh) (351-600kwh) | R | 2.4470 | | 2.8165 | |
| Energy Rate (c/kwh) (>600kwh) | R | 2.8817 | | 3.3168 | |
| RESIDENTIAL: INDIGENT (ALL TOWNS) | | | | | |
| All indigent will be on a 20amp circuit breaker with a 1 phase pre-paid meter. | | | | | |
| 1.2 UNIT COST PER KWH : | | | | | |
| Energy Rate (c/kwh) (<=50kwh) | R | 1.3391 | | 1.5413 | |
| Energy Rate (c/kwh) (51-200kwh) | R | 1.3523 | | 1.5565 | |
| Energy Rate (c/kwh) (201-350kwh) | R | 1.7386 | | 2.0012 | |
| Energy Rate (c/kwh) (351-600kwh) | R | 2.4470 | | 2.8165 | |
| Energy Rate (c/kwh) (>600kwh) | R | 2.8817 | | 3.3168 | |
| Availability Charge: (per month) | | | | | |
| An availability charge will be levied whether electricity is consumed or not, per connection per month or part thereof. | | | | | |
| 1.3 Residential Availability | R | 79.00 | | R | 91.00 |

| BUSINESS / PUBLIC SERVICE PURPOSES/ RESIDENTIAL WITH MORE THAN ONE DWELLING INCLUDING: SPECIAL CONSENT USE/GUESTHOUSES / B & B / AGRI / ECT. (ALL TOWNS) | | | | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Flats : As per residential step tariff | | | | | | | |
| A fixed charge will be levied whether electricity is consumed or not, per connection per month or part thereof. | | | | | | | |
| Low Season : Sept - Apr High Season : May - Aug | | | | | | | |
| | LOW SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | HIGH SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | FIXED CHARGE/MONTH | LOW SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | HIGH SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | FIXED CHARGE/MONTH | |
| | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2023/2024 | 2023/2024 | 2023/2024 | |
| 2.1 | Up to 40A 1P (PRE-PAID METER ONLY) | R 2.0630 | R 2.2693 | R 376.84 | 2.3745 | 2.6119 | 433.74 |
| 2.2 | 41 to 60A 1P | R 2.0630 | R 2.2693 | R 819.62 | 2.3745 | 2.6119 | 943.38 |
| 2.3 | 61 to 80A 1P | R 2.0630 | R 2.2693 | R1,073.16 | 2.3745 | 2.6119 | 1,235.21 |
| 2.4 | Up to 60A 3P | R 2.0630 | R 2.2693 | R1,341.87 | 2.3745 | 2.6119 | 1,544.49 |
| 2.5 | 61 to 80A 3P | R 2.0630 | R 2.2693 | R1,855.92 | 2.3745 | 2.6119 | 2,055.43 |
| | LOW SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | HIGH SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | FIXED CHARGE/MONTH | LOW SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | HIGH SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | FIXED CHARGE/MONTH | |
| | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2023/2024 | 2023/2024 | 2023/2024 | |
| 2.6 | Above 80Amps convert to KVA Maximum Demand (Low Voltage) | R 1.6994 | R 1.8719 | R3,836.74 | 1.9561 | 2.1545 | 4,416.08 |
| | KVA - per KVA (Low Voltage) | | | R 289.33 | | | 333.02 |
| 3 INDUSTRIAL (ALL TOWNS): | | | | | | | |
| A fixed charge will be levied whether electricity is consumed or not, per connection per month or part thereof. | | | | | | | |
| | LOW SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | HIGH SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | FIXED CHARGE/MONTH | LOW SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | HIGH SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | FIXED CHARGE/MONTH | |
| | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2023/2024 | 2023/2024 | 2023/2024 | |
| 3.1 | Up to 80A 1P | R 1.8842 | R 2.0689 | R2,242.17 | 2.1687 | 2.3813 | 2,580.74 |
| 3.2 | Up to 60A 3P | R 1.8842 | R 2.0689 | R2,609.61 | 2.1687 | 2.3813 | 3,003.66 |
| 3.3 | 61 to 80A 3P | R 1.8842 | R 2.0689 | R2,977.02 | 2.1687 | 2.3813 | 3,426.55 |
| | LOW SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | HIGH SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | FIXED CHARGE/MONTH | LOW SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | HIGH SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | FIXED CHARGE/MONTH | |
| | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2023/2024 | 2023/2024 | 2023/2024 | |
| 3.4 | Above 80 Amp convert to KVA Maximum Demand (Low Voltage) | R 1.5963 | R 1.7558 | R5,838.51 | 1.8373 | 2.0210 | 6,720.12 |
| | KVA - per KVA (Low Voltage) | R 298.18 | | | 343.20 | | |
| 4 PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANISATIONS LISTED IN THE NINTH SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT (ALL TOWNS) | | | | | | | |
| | LOW SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | HIGH SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | FIXED CHARGE/MONTH | LOW SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | HIGH SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | FIXED CHARGE/MONTH | |
| | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2023/2024 | 2023/2024 | 2023/2024 | |
| 4.1 | Up to 80 Amp / 1 Phase - per unit | R 1.9002 | R 2.0902 | R 363.52 | 2.1871 | 2.4058 | 418.41 |
| 4.2 | Up to 80 Amp / 3 Phase p/unit | R 1.9002 | R 2.0902 | R 505.90 | 2.1871 | 2.4058 | 582.29 |
| | Above 80Amp convert to KVA Low Voltage - per unit | R 1.6499 | R 1.8148 | R3,080.80 | 1.8990 | 2.0868 | 3,546.00 |
| | KVA - per KVA | R 272.30 | | | 313.42 | | |

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|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 5 | MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS (ALL TOWNS) | | | | | |
| | Cost per unit | R 1.8779 | | 2.1615 | | |
| | UNDEVELOPED STANDS/ TOWNSHIP OWNER | | | | | |
| 6 | ACCOUNT (PER REGISTERED STAND) | | | | | |
| | Availability Charge: - per month | R 79.00 | | 91.00 | | |
| 7 | TIME OF USE(ALL TOWNS): | | | | | |
| | A fixed charge will be levied whether electricity is consumed or not, per connection per month or part thereof except Municipal Use. | | | | | |
| | | LOW SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | HIGH SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | KVA CHARGE/ MONTH | LOW SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH | HIGH SEASON UNIT CHARGE/MONTH |
| | | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2023/2024 | 2023/2024 |
| | Energy charge : Low Voltage | | | | | |
| | Off-peak (21:00 - 05:00) | R 1.0650 | R 1.0767 | R 81.92 | 1.2258 | 1.2393 |
| | Standard (09:00 - 16:00) | R 1.7266 | R 1.7455 | R 114.69 | 1.9873 | 2.0090 |
| | Peak(05:00 - 09:00 & 16:00 - 21:00) | R 1.9661 | R 1.9878 | R 131.07 | 2.2630 | 2.2879 |
| | Fixed Charge(Low Voltage) | R 4,446.29 | | | 5,117.69 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | Energy charge : High Voltage | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 | 2023/2024 | 2023/2024 |
| | Off-peak (21:00 - 05:00) | R 1.1525 | R 1.1968 | R 96.49 | 1.3265 | 1.3775 |
| | Standard (09:00 - 16:00) | R 1.8684 | R 1.9403 | R 128.65 | 2.1505 | 2.2332 |
| | Peak(05:00 - 09:00 & 16:00 - 21:00) | R 2.1276 | R 2.2096 | R 144.74 | 2.4489 | 2.5432 |
| | Fixed Charge(high Voltage) | R 4,663.74 | | | 5,367.96 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | ALL AVAILABILITY CHARGES WILL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE OWNERS ACCOUNT. | | | | | |
| | ALL FIXED CHARGES WILL BE CHARGED WITH THE CONSUMPTION. | | | | | |
| | ALL TARIFFS ARE EXCLUDING VAT | | | | | |
| | NB: ELECTRICITY TARIFFS ARE SUBJECTED TO NERSA APPROVAL | | | | | |
| | Monthly consumption is based upon the period between monthly readings. Where a monthly reading cannot be taken for any reason, the consumption will be based on the average calculated from the three previous months consumption. When the meter is next read any estimation (over / under) will be automatically incorporated into | | | | | |

| 2.TARIFFS FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER | | |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Description | Approved tariff 2022/2023(VAT) | Approved Tariff 2023/2024(V) |
| 2.1 RESIDENTIAL: HOUSES (ALL TOWNS) | | |
| From 0 kilolitres -10 kilolitres | 9.85 | 10.38 |
| From 11 kilolitres - 30 kilolitres | 13.20 | 13.90 |
| 31 kilolitres and above | 17.77 | 18.72 |
| Basic Charge | 65.69 | 69.17 |
| 2.2 RESIDENTIAL: HOUSES (ALL TOWNS) PREPAID WATER | | |
| From 0 kilolitres -10 kilolitres | 9.85 | 10.38 |
| From 11kilolitres - 30 kilolitres | 13.20 | 13.90 |
| 31 kilolitres and above | 17.77 | 18.72 |
| Basic Charge | 65.69 | 69.17 |
| 2.3 RESIDENTIAL: INDIGENT (ALL TOWNS) | | |
| For the first 10 kilolitres | Free | Free |
| From 11 kilolitres - 30 kilolitres | 13.20 | 13.90 |
| 31 kilolitres and above | 17.77 | 18.72 |
| Basic charge | 65.69 | 69.17 |
| <u>RESIDENTIAL WITH MORE THAN ONE DWELLING INCLUDING: SPECIAL CONSENT</u> | | |
| 2.4 <u>USE/GUESTHOUSES /FLATS / B & B / AGRI / ECT.(ALL TOWNS)</u> | | |
| Cost per kl | 15.49 | 16.31 |
| Basic Charge | 109.48 | 115.28 |
| <u>PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANISATIONS: LISTED IN THE NINTH SCHEDULE TO THE</u> | | |
| 2.5 <u>INCOME TAX ACT(ALL TOWNS)</u> | | |
| Cost per kl | 15.49 | 16.31 |
| Basic charge | 109.48 | 115.28 |
| 2.6 <u>MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS (ALL TOWNS)</u> | | |
| Cost per kl | 15.13 | 15.93 |
| <u>BUSINESS / INDUSTRIAL / MINING / PUBLIC SERVICE PURPOSES / ECT. (ALL</u> | | |
| 2.7 <u>TOWNS)</u> | | |
| For the first 100 kilolitres | 17.48 | 18.40 |
| 101 kilolitres and above | 34.95 | 36.81 |
| Basic Charge | 157.24 | 165.57 |
| 2.8 <u>RAW WATER</u> | | |
| Cost per kl | 6.93 | 7.30 |
| <u>UNDEVELOPED STANDS/ TOWNSHIP OWNER ACCOUNT(PER REGISTERED</u> | | |
| 2.9 <u>STAND)</u> | | |
| Availibility charge per month: | 65.69 | 69.17 |
| ALL AVAILIBLTY CHARGES WILL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE OWNERS ACCOUNT. | | |
| <p>NB: Monthly consumption is based upon the period between monthly readings. Where a monthly reading cannot be taken for any reason, the consumption will be based on the average calculated from the three previous months consumption. When the meter is next read any estimation (over / under) will be automatically incorporated into the corrected bill.</p> | | |

| 3. TARIFFS FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWERAGE | | | |
|--|--|--|---|
| Description | | Approved 2022/ 2023(VAT | Approved 2023/ 2024 (VAT excl) |
| 3.1 | <u>RESIDENTIAL: HOUSES</u> | | |
| | Availability Charge: - per month | 136.79 | 144.04 |
| 3.2 | <u>INDIGENTS</u> | | |
| | Availability Charge: - per month | 136.79 | 144.04 |
| 3.3 | <u>RESIDENTIAL WITH MORE THAN ONE DWELLING INCLUDING: SPECIAL CONSENT USE/ GUESTHOUSES / FLATS / B & B / MULTIPLE USE PROP / AGRI(ECT.(ALL TOWNS)</u> | | |
| | Availability charge - per month | 152.90 | 165.13 |
| 3.4 | <u>PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANISATIONS:LISTED IN THE NINTH SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT(ALL TOWNS)</u> | | |
| | Availability Charge: - per month | 152.90 | 165.13 |
| 3.5 | <u>MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS (ALL TOWNS)</u> | | |
| | Availability charge - per month | R 0.00 | R 0.00 |
| 3.6 | <u>BUSINESS / INDUSTRIAL / MINING / PUBLIC SERVICE PURPOSES / ECT. (ALL TOWNS)</u> | | |
| | Availability Charge: - per month | 176.07 | 190.15 |
| 3.7 | <u>UNDEVELOPED STANDS/ TOWNSHIP OWNER ACCOUNT(PER REGISTERED STAND)</u> | | |
| | Availability Charge: - per month | 136.79 | 144.04 |
| ALL AVAILIBTY CHARGES WILL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE OWNERS ACCOUNT. | | | |
| ALL TARIFFS EXCLUDING VAT | | | |

| 4. TARIFFS FOR THE PROVISION OF REFUSE REMOVAL | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Description | Approved 2022/2023 (VAT exc) | Approved 2023/2024 (VAT exc) |
| 4.1 RESIDENTIAL: HOUSES (ALL TOWNS) | | |
| Availability charge per month | 136.80 | 144.05 |
| 4.2 RESIDENTIAL : INDIGENT (ALL TOWNS) | | |
| Availability charge per month | 136.80 | 144.05 |
| IF REQUIRED MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK TARIFFS FOR BUSINESS WILL APPLY | | |
| RESIDENTIAL WITH MORE THAN ONE DWELLING INCLUDING: SPECIAL CONSENT USE/ GUESTHOUSES / FLATS / B & B / | | |
| 4.3 MULTIPLE USE PROP / AGRI(ECT.(ALL TOWNS) | | |
| Availability charge per month | 194.82 | 210.41 |
| IF REQUIRED MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK TARIFFS FOR BUSINESS WILL APPLY | | |
| 4.4 PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANISATIONS:LISTED IN THE NINTH SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT(ALL TOWNS) | | |
| 1 X week | 225.52 | 243.56 |
| 2 X week | 457.22 | 493.80 |
| 3 X week | 687.88 | 742.91 |
| 4.4.1 Mass Containers | | |
| 1 X week | 1,111.47 | 1,200.38 |
| 2 X week | 2,221.68 | 2,399.42 |
| 3 X week | 3,334.38 | 3,601.14 |
| 4 X week | 4,443.37 | 4,798.84 |
| 5 X week | 5,557.31 | 6,001.89 |
| 4.5 MUNICIPAL USE (ALL TOWNS) | | |
| per month | | |
| 4.6 BUSINESS / INDUSTRIAL / MINING / PUBLIC SERVICE PURPOSES ECT. (ALL TOWNS) | | |
| 1 X week | 229.71 | 248.09 |
| 2 X week | 465.73 | 502.99 |
| 3 X week | 700.68 | 756.73 |
| 4.6.1 Mass Containers | | |
| 1 X week | 1,132.15 | 1,222.72 |
| 2 X week | 2,263.02 | 2,444.06 |
| 3 X week | 3,396.42 | 3,668.13 |
| 4 X week | 4,526.03 | 4,888.12 |
| 5 X week | 5,660.70 | 6,113.55 |
| 4.7 UNDEVELOPED STANDS/ TOWNSHIP OWNER ACCOUNT(PER REGISTERED STAND) | | |
| Availability charge per month | 136.80 | 144.05 |
| ALL TARIFFS EXCLUDE VAT REFUSE WILL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE OWNERS ACCOUNT. | | |

| APPROVED RATES /TARIFFS FOR THE BOOK YEAR 2023/2024 | |
|---|-----------------|
| That the baseline assessment rate for Thaba Chweu Municipality of 0.01472 amount in the rand increase to 0.01550 and be levied on the market value of the property. | |
| RESIDENTIAL (Only one dwelling and or one flat per property) | |
| That the assessment rate of 0.01472 amount in the rand increase to 0.01550 and be levied on the market value of the property. | |
| BUSINESS / INDUSTRIAL / COMMERCIAL / SPECIAL / PRIVATE OPEN SPACE / MINING / UTILITIES / PUBLIC SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE/ PUBLIC SERVICE PURPOSES / ECT. (ALL TOWNS) | |
| That the assessment rate of 0.01472 amount in the rand increase to 0.01550 and be levied on the market value of the property. | |
| That the assessment rate ratio of 1:0.25 be applied on the market value of properties categorised as PSI | |
| VACANT / UNDEVELOPED / TOWNSHIP OWNER ACCOUNT | |
| That the assessment rate of 0.02213 amount in the rand increase to 0.02330 and be levied on the market value of the property. | |
| AGRICULTURAL: | |
| That the assessment rate of 0.01472 amount in the rand increase to 0.01550 and be levied on the market value of the property. | |
| That the assessment rate ratio of 1:0.25 be applied on the market value of properties categorised as AGR | |
| RESIDENTIAL WITH MORE THAN ONE DWELLING INCLUDING: SPECIAL CONSENT USE/GUESTHOUSES / FLATS / B & B / ECT.(ALL TOWNS) | |
| That the assessment rate of 0.01472 amount in the rand increase to 0.01550 and be levied on the market value of the property. | |
| PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANISATION PROPERTY: | |
| That the assessment rate of 0.01472 amount in the rand increase to 0.01550 and be levied on the market value of the property. | |
| That the assessment rate ratio of 1:0.25 be applied on the market value of properties prescribed in Part I of the Ninth Schedule to the Income Tax Act. | |
| MULTIPLE USE PROPERTY | |
| Rates will be charged as per the category. | |
| NEWLY RATEBLE PROPERTIES | |
| That the assessment rate of 0.01472 amount in the rand increase to 0.01550 and be levied on the market value of the property. | |
| Exemptions, Rebates and Reductions on Rates | |
| That the following Exemptions, Rebates and Reductions on Rates be granted | |
| Exemptions | |
| The first R15,000 of the market value of all residential properties and of all properties used for multiple purposes, provided one or more components of such properties are used for residential purposes, is exempt from the payment of rates in terms of Section 17(1)(h) of the Property Rates Act. | |
| Rebates and Reductions | |
| Residential | |
| A rebate of 50% will be given on the assessment rate for all residential properties. | |
| RESIDENTIAL WITH MORE THAN ONE DWELLING INCLUDING: SPECIAL CONSENT USE/GUESTHOUSES / FLATS / B & B / ECT.(ALL TOWNS) | |
| A rebate of 25% will be given on the assessment rate for residential with more than one dwelling including: special consent/guesthouses/flats/B & B/ect. properties. | |
| Indigents | |
| Indigents will be subsidized in accordance with the indigent policy adopted by Council and will not form part of a rebate in terms of the MPRA. | |
| Pensioners and Medical unfit applicant (disabled) | |
| Owners who qualify in terms of the criteria determined in the policy will be granted a rebate based on the tariff applicable on residential properties. | |
| The maximum income and rebate on the category of income for the 2023/2023 financial year are determined as follows: | |
| Average Monthly Earning in Respect of Preceding 12 Months | % Rebate |
| R 0 - R5 000.00 | 100% |
| R 5 001.00 - R 6 000.00 | 80% |
| R 6 001.00 - R 7 000.00 | 60% |
| R 7 001.00 - R 8 000.00 | 40% |
| R 8 001.00 - R 10 000.00 | 20% |
| Above R 10 000.00 | No rebate |

The amount due for rates as contemplated in section 26(1)(a) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, Act 6 of 2004, shall be payable in equal monthly instalments as from July 2023. Interest on arrears will be charged at prime plus 1 percent as determined by the municipality.

By order

Mr M P Mankga
Acting Municipal Manager

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Notice no: 44/2022-2023

PROVINCIAL NOTICE 297 OF 2023



THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
CREDIT CONTROL AND DEBT COLLECTION BY-LAW

1. Preamble

WHEREAS section 229(1) of the Constitution authorises a municipality to impose rates on properties and surcharges on fees for the services provided by or on behalf of the municipality.

AND WHEREAS section 4 (1) (c) of the Municipal Systems Act provides that a municipality has a right to finance its affairs by charging fees for services, imposing surcharges on fees, rates on property and, subject to national legislation, other taxes, levies and duties.

AND WHEREAS section 5 (1) (g) provides that the members of the community have a right to have access to municipal services which the municipality provides; section 5 (2) (b) places a duty on the members of the community to pay promptly for services fees, surcharges on fees and other taxes, levies and duties imposed by the municipality.

AND WHEREAS section 95 of the Municipal Systems Act provides for the municipality to, within its financial and administrative capacity, establish a total responsive Customer Relations Management System to cater for:

- Positive and reciprocal relationship with the Rates Payers and Users of municipal services who are liable for payment thereof.
- Mechanism for Rate Payers and Users of municipal services to give a feedback on the quality services.
- Informing the Users of services of the costs of services, the reasons for payment for services and the utilisation of the money raised from services.
- Measurement and accurate/verifiable quantification of consumption of services.
- Regular and accurate accounts to Rate Payers/Users of services, showing the basis of the calculation of the due to municipality.
- Accessible pay points and other mechanism for settling accounts including pre-payments for services.
- Query and Complaints management and procedure thereof for prompt response and corrective action on one hand and monitoring thereof on the other

AND WHEREAS section 96 of the Municipal Systems Act and section 62 (1) (f) of Municipal finance Management Act read with section 21 (2) of Water Services Act, 1997, place an obligation on the municipality to collect all money due and payable to the municipality; and, for this purpose, must adopt, maintain and implement a credit control and debt collection policy which is consistent with rates and tariff policies and compliant with the Act.

AND WHEREAS section 100 of the Municipal Systems Act places obligation on the Municipal Manager or the Service Provider to implement and enforce the Municipality's Credit Control Policy and the By-law enacted in terms of section 98 of the Municipal Systems Act.

AND WHEREAS section 97 of the Municipal Systems Act requires that the said policy must provide for the:

- Credit control procedure and mechanisms
- Debt collection procedure and mechanisms
- Provision for the indigent debtors which is consistent with the rate and tariff policies and national policy on indigents
- Interest on arrears, where appropriate
- Extension of time for the payment of accounts
- Termination of services or restriction of services when the payments are in arrears
- Illegal consumption of services and damage to municipal infrastructure
- The credit control and debt collection policy may differentiate between different categories of ratepayers, users, debtors, taxes, services, service standards and other matters as long as the differentiation does not amount to unfair discrimination

AND WHEREAS section 102 of the Municipal Systems Act permits the municipality to consolidate the accounts of a debtor liable for payment to the municipality; credit payment from such debtor against any of the debtor's accounts; and implement any of the credit control and debt collection measures provided for in the Act in respect of any of the debtor's accounts which remains in arrears; subject to subsection 2 of the said section.

AND WHEREAS section 62 of the Municipal Systems Act, makes provisions for consumers or debtors to appeal decisions or actions of municipal officials in instances of disagreement with such decisions or actions.

AND WHEREAS section 98 of the Municipal Systems Act requires the municipality to adopt a By-law to give effect to the municipality's credit control and debt collection policy including its implementation and enforcement.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the municipality in terms of section 156 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa read with section 11 of the Municipal Systems Act hereby makes and enacts the following By-law:

2. Definitions

“Act” means Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000) as amended

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa

“Council” means Municipal Council of Municipality

“Councillor” means a sitting Councillor of Municipality

“Credit Control and Debt Collection By-law and Policy” means Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy and By-law of the Municipality

“Municipal Council” means Municipal Council of the Municipality

“Municipal Equipment” means any part of the reticulation supply system, water meter (smart, post & prepaid), electricity meter (smart post & prepaid), including any other devices municipality uses to measure consumption

“Municipal Finance Management Act” means Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) as amended

“Municipal Property Rates Act” means Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004)

“Municipal Systems Act” means Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000) as amended

“Municipality” means Thaba Chweu Local Municipality

“Official” means employee of the municipality or/and employee of the Service Provider of the Municipality

“Policy” means Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy

“Rate” means property rate in terms of Municipal Property Rates Act

“Tariff” means fees, charges and surcharges on tariffs levied by the municipality in respect of any function or service provided by the municipality or on behalf of the municipality, but excludes levying of property rates in terms of Municipal Property Rates Act

Water Services Act means Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997) as amended

3. Object

The Object of this By-law is to:

- a. Give effect to the implementation and enforcement of the Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy of the municipality as contemplated in section 96 of the Municipal Systems Act
- b. Provide enforcement instrument for the collection of all money due and payable to the municipality in terms of the mechanism and procedure more fully set out in the policy referred to in paragraph 5 hereof and other enforcement mechanism which the municipality may adopt from time-to-time subject to compliance with Municipal Systems Act.

4. Adoption and Implementation of Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy

- a. The municipality shall in terms of section 96 of the Municipal Systems Act, adopt, maintain and implement Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy for the purpose of collecting all money due and payable to the municipality
- b. The Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy adopted in terms of subparagraph 5(a) hereof shall be reviewed annually as part of the Annual Budget Process of the municipality, for either confirmation and reiteration or amendment; which reiteration or amendment shall have the force and effect as contemplated in section 96 of the Municipal Systems Act.

5. Enforcement

This By-law shall be enforced through:

- a. The Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy of the municipality adopted in terms of paragraph 4 hereof and;
- b. The Property Rates and Tariff Policies of the municipality, including the By-laws thereof.

6. Offences and penalties

Any person who:

- 1) contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of this By-law or the Policy;
- 2) fails to comply with a notice served in terms of this By-law or the Policy;
- 3) tampers with any municipal equipment or breaks any seal on a meter;
- 4) uses or consumes municipal service(s) unlawfully;

- 5) interferes unlawfully with municipal equipment or the supply system of municipal service(s) in one way or another; or
- 6) obstructs or hinders any official or councillor of the municipality in the execution of her/his duties under this By-law or the Policy, is
 - (a) in respect of residential consumer, guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months for the first offence or 12 months for the second offence or to a fine not exceeding **R8 000.00** for a first offence or **R16 000.00** for the second offence.
 - (b) in respect of business consumer, guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months for the first offence or 12 months for the second offence or to a fine not exceeding **R40 000.00** for a first offence or **R90 000.00** for the second offence.
 - (c) in respect of industrial consumer, guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months for the first offence or 12 months for the second offence or to a fine not exceeding **R175 000.00** for a first offence or **R200 000.00** for the second offence.

Reconnection

Reconnection will only be done upon receipt of the penalty amount
Including all costs related to the discontinuation of services.

7. Repeal

This By-law hereby repeals all previous by-laws on Credit Control and Debt Collection of the municipality hitherto the promulgation of this by-law

8. Delegation

The Municipal Manager may delegate any of his or her powers in terms of this By-Law or the policy to any employee or official of the municipality subject to applicable legislation

9. Short title

This By-law is called Credit Control and Debt Collection By-law, and takes effect on the date of the publication hereof in the provincial gazette or as otherwise indicated in the Notice hereof.

PROVINCIAL NOTICE 298 OF 2023

**THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
APPROVED PROPERTY RATES BY-LAW**

Thaba Chweu Local Municipality hereby, in terms of section 6 of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004, has by way of (No of the resolution) adopted the Municipality's Property Rates By-law set out hereunder.

Thaba Chweu Local Municipality**MUNICIPAL PROPERTY RATES BY-LAW****PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS section 229(1) of the Constitution requires a municipality to impose rates on property and surcharges on fees for the services provided by or on behalf of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS section 13 of the Municipal Systems Act read with section 162 of the Constitution require a municipality to promulgate municipal by-laws by publishing them in the gazette of the relevant province;

AND WHEREAS section 6 of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 requires a municipality to adopt by-laws to give effect to the implementation of its property rates policy; the by-laws may differentiate between the different categories of properties and different categories of owners of properties liable for the payment of rates.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT adopted by the Council of the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality, as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this by-law, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Thaba Chweu Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004), shall bear the same meaning unless the context indicates otherwise.

'Act' means the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act No 6 of 2004);

'Municipality' means (Local Municipality);

'Rates Policy' means the policy on the levying of rates on rateable properties of the (Thaba Chweu Local Municipality), contemplated in chapter 2 of the Municipal Property Rates Act.

2. OBJECTS

The object of this by-law is to give effect to the implementation of the Rates Policy as contemplated in section 6 of the Municipal Property Rates Act.

3. ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RATES POLICY

3.1. The Municipality shall adopt and implement its Rates Policy consistent with the Municipal Property Rates Act on the levying of rates on rateable property within the jurisdiction of the municipality; and

3.2. The Municipality shall not be entitled to levy rates other than in terms of its Rates Policy.

4. CONTENTS OF A RATE POLICY

The Rates Policy shall, *inter alia*:

4.1. Apply to all rates levied by the Municipality pursuant to the adoption of its Annual Budget;

4.2. Comply with the requirements for:

- 4.2.1. the adoption and contents of a rates policy specified in section 3 of the Act;
 - 4.2.2. the process of community participation specified in section 4 of the Act; and
 - 4.2.3. the annual review of a Rates Policy specified in section 5 of the Act.
- 4.3. Provide for principles, criteria and implementation measures that are consistent with the Municipal Property Rates Act for the levying of rates which the Council may adopt; and
 - 4.4. Provide for enforcement mechanisms that are consistent with the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000).

5. ENFORCEMENT OF THE RATES POLICY

The Municipality's Rates Policy shall be enforced through the Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy and any other further enforcement mechanisms stipulated in the Act.

6. REPEAL OF THE PREVIOUS BY-LAWS

This By-law hereby repeals all previous Property Rates By-laws of the municipality hitherto the promulgation of the By-law

7. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

This By-law is called the Municipal Property Rates By-law, and takes effect on a date of the promulgation hereof

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL PROPERTY RATES ACT NO.6 OF 2004
REVISED SPECIMEN RESOLUTION ON LEVYING PROPERTY RATES**

REPLACES THE SPECIMEN ISSUED ON 10 APRIL 2014

DATE 8 JUNE
2023

THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

**RESOLUTION LEVYING PROPERTY RATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JULY
2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024**

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 14(1) and (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act 6 of 2004; that at its meeting of **31 May 2023**, the Council resolved by way of council resolution number **A47/2023**, to levy the rates on property reflected in the schedule below with effect from 1 July 2023.

| Category of property | Rate ratio | Cent amount in the Rand rate determined for the relevant property category |
|--|------------|--|
| Residential property | 1: 1 | 0.01550 |
| Business and commercial property | 1: 1 | 0.01550 |
| Industrial property | 1: 1 | 0.01550 |
| Agricultural property | 1: 0.25 | 0.00387 |
| Mining property | 1: 1 | 0.01550 |
| Public service infrastructure property | 1: 0.25 | 0.00387 |

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| Public benefit organisation property | 1: 0.25 | 0.00387 |
| Undeveloped/Vacant | 1:1.5 | 0.02330 |

EXEMPTIONS, REDUCTIONS AND REBATES

Residential Properties: For all residential properties, the municipality will not levy a rate on the first R 15 000 of the property's market value which is the statutory impermissible rate as per section 17(1)(h) of the Municipal Property Rates Act. Residential properties with only one (1) dwelling, 50% rebate. Residential properties with more than one (1) dwelling and or flat per property which includes residential properties for gain eg: guest houses, B & B, flats, rooms, special consent use etc. 25% rebate.

Rebates in respect of a category of owners of property are as follows:

Indigent owners: as per the indigent policy

Child headed households: as per the indigent policy

Owners who are dependent on Pension or Social Grants for their livelihood: as per the rates policy

Full details of the Council resolution and rebates, reductions and exemptions specific to each category of owners of properties or owners of a specific category of properties as determined through criteria in the municipality's rates policy are available for inspection on the municipality's offices, website (www.tclm.gov.za) and public libraries within the municipality's jurisdiction.

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