

PUBLIC NOTICE

ILLEGAL LAND USE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality would like to bring to the attention of all residents and property owners within our jurisdiction that we have noted an increase in illegal land use activities. Illegal land use includes but is not limited to the following activities:

- Using land for purposes other than those for which it was zoned such as rental accommodation, guest houses, shops, pre-schools, offices, motor workshops etc.
- Land occupation without proper authorization or consent from the Municipality

These activities not only contravene Municipal By-Laws but they also pose a risk to the safety of the public. They also contribute to the degradation of the environment and the quality of life of our communities.

The Municipality would like to warn all those who are involved in any illegal land use activities to stop and rectify such activities immediately. In terms of Section of 156 (2) of Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-Law, 2016, an owner who permits land to be used in a manner not set out in the Land Use Scheme and who does not cease that use or take reasonable steps to ensure that the use ceases, or who permits a person to breach the provisions of the Land Use Scheme of the Municipality, is guilty of an offence and liable upon conviction to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding twenty (20) years or to both a fine and such imprisonment.

We encourage all residents to familiarize themselves with the Municipal By-Laws and Zoning Regulations before engaging in any land use activities. It is also important to obtain proper authorization from the Municipality before undertaking any land use activities.

For more information or to report any illegal land use activities, please contact the Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality Planning and Development Department: Mrs JM Mulaudzi, Senior Officer Planning & Development, 015 780 6884.

Let us work together to build a safe, sustainable, and lawful community for all.

**DR KKL PILUSA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

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