

# **BA-PHALABORWA MUNICIPALITY**



## **FINAL\_PROPERTY RATES BY-LAW**

**2025/26**

Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality, hereby, in terms of section 6 of Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004, has by way of resolution adopted the Municipal Property's Rates By- Law set out hereunder.

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PREAMBLE Section 229(1) of the Constitution requires a municipality to impose rates on Property and surcharge on fees for services provided by or on behalf of the municipality.

AND WHEREAS section 13 of Municipal System Act read with section 162 of the Constitution require Municipality to promulgate municipal by-laws by publishing them in the gazette of relevant province.

AND WHEREAS Section 6 of Local Government: Municipal Property Rates of Act, 2004 require Municipality to adopt by-laws to give effect to the implementation of its Property rates policy: the by-laws may differentiate between different categories of properties and different categories of owners of properties of liable for payment of rated;

## 1. Purpose of the By-law

The purpose of the Property Rates bylaw is to give effect of the property rates policy

## 2. DEFINITION

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

**Agricultural property** - means property that is used primarily for agricultural purposes but, without derogating from section 9, excludes any portion therefore that is used commercially for the hospitality of guests, and excludes the use of the property for the purpose of eco-tourism or for the trading in or hunting game

**Business Property** - means commercial or business property (also called investment or income property) and refers to buildings or land intended to generate a profit, either from capital gain or rental income. Business property includes, but is not limited to, office buildings, medical centres, hotels, malls, retail stores, hunting and game farms as well as fillings stations.

**Industrial** - means a branch of trade or manufacturing, production assembling or processing of finished or partially finished products from raw materials or fabricated part, on so large scale that capital and labour are significantly involved.

**Mining property** - means a property used for mining operations as defined in the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002)

**Multiple-use properties** - refers to property where there is a combination of different categories of property on the same registered property and where the market value of each is apportioned on the valuation roll;

**public service Infrastructure purposes** - in relation to the use of a property, means property owned and used by an organ of state as-

- (a) Hospitals and clinics;
- (b) schools, pre-schools, early childhood development centres or further education and training colleges;
- (c) national and provincial libraries and archives;
- (d) police stations;
- (e) correctional facilities; or
- (f) courts of law, but excludes property contemplated in the definition of "public service infrastructure"

**Residential property** - means a property included in a valuation roll in terms of Section 48 (2) (b) of the Act as residential.

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- (e) correctional facilities; or
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**A (Public Benefit Organisation) PBO is defined in the Act as any organisation which is:**

- (b) a non- profit company as defined in section 1 of the Companies Act, or a trust or an association of persons that has been incorporated, formed, or established in the Republic; or
- (c) any branch within the Republic of any company, association or trust incorporated, formed, or established in any country other than the Republic that is exempt from tax on income in that other country;
- (d) of which the sole or principal object is carrying on one or more public benefit activities, where-
- (e) all such activities are carried on in a non-profit manner and with an altruistic or philanthropic intent;
- (f) no such activity is intended to promote the economic self-interest of any fiduciary or employee of the organisation directly or indirectly, otherwise than by way of reasonable remuneration payable to that fiduciary or employee; and
- (g) where each such activity carried on by that organisation is for the benefit of, or is widely accessible to the general public at large, including any sector thereof (other than small and exclusive group).
- (h) The conditions and requirements for an organisation to be approved as a PBO are contained in section 30 while the rules governing the preferential tax treatment of PBOs are contained in section 10(1)(cN).

**Vacant Land** - means land, irrespective of zoning or category and in respect of which the municipality has not issued an occupancy certificate, being unimproved urban land

**Municipal** - Means the land owned by the municipal council

**Place of Worship** - means property used primarily for the purposes of congregation /Church service

**Nature Reserve** - on those parts of a special nature reserve, national park or nature reserve within the meaning of the National Environmental Management:

### **3. Property Category uses**

3.1 Rates on properties category will be levied on properties uses:

(a) use of the property;

3.2 A rate levied on a property assigned to a category of properties used for multiple purposes must be determined by:

- (a) apportioning the market value of the property, in a manner as may be prescribed to the different purposes for which the property is used; and
- (b) applying the rates applicable to the categories determined by the municipality for properties used for those purposes to the different market value apportionments.

### **4. OBJECTS**

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

### **5. ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RATES POLICY**

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

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

### **6. CONTENT OF RATE POLICY**

The Rates Policy shall, *inter alia*

- 6.1. Apply to all levied Municipality pursuant to the adoption of its Annual Budget;
- 6.2. Comply with the requirements for:

- 6.2.1. The adoption and content of rates policy specified in the section 3 of the Act;
  - 6.2.2. The process of community participation specified in section 4 of the Act; and
  - 6.2.3. The annual review of a Rates Policy specified in section 5 of the Act.
- 6.3. Provide for principles, criteria and implementation measures that are consistent with Municipal Property Rates Act for the levying of rates which council may adopt.
- 6.4. Provide for enforcement mechanism that are consistent with the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Local Government; Municipal System Act of 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000).

**7. ENFORCEMENT OF THE RATES POLICY**

The municipality's Rates Policy shall be enforced through the credit control and Debt Collection Policy and any further enforcement mechanisms stipulated in the Act and the Municipality's Rates Policy.

**8. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT**

This by-law is called the Municipal Property Rates By-law, and takes effect on 1 July 2025