

## **BY-LAW RELATING TO STREETS**

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### **3. By-Law Relating to Streets**

The Municipal Manager of \_\_\_\_\_ Local Municipality hereby, in terms of section 13(a) in conjunction with section 75 (1) of the Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000), publishes the By-Law relating Streets for the \_\_\_\_\_ Local Municipality, to be approved by the Council, as set out hereunder.

#### **Purpose of By-Law**

- To promote the achievement of a safe environment for the benefit of residents within the area of jurisdiction of the municipality;
- To provide for procedures, methods and practices to regulate the use and utilisation of streets in the area of jurisdiction of the municipality

#### **Definitions**

1. In this By-law, words used in the masculine gender include the feminine, the singular includes the plural and vice versa, unless the context otherwise indicates: -

**"Animals"** means any horses, mules, donkeys, cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, ostriches indigenous mammals and other wild animals;

**"Sidewalk"** means that portion of a street between the outer boundary of the roadway and the boundary lines of adjacent properties or buildings which is intended for the use of pedestrians;

**"Street"** means any road, street or thoroughfare or any other place which is commonly used by the public or any section thereof or to which the public or any section thereof has a right of access and except where in-consistent with the context includes -

- (a) the verge of any such road, street or thoroughfare
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- (c) any bridge, ferry or drift traversed by any such road, street or thoroughfare;
- (d) any other object belonging to such road, street or thoroughfare.

"**Vehicle**" means a device designed or adapted mainly to travel on wheels or crawler tracks and includes such a device which is connected with a draw-bar to a breakdown vehicle and is used as part of the towing equipment of a breakdown vehicle to support any axle or all the axles of a motor vehicle which is being salvaged other than such a device which moves solely on rails; and

"**Work**" means work of any nature whatsoever undertaken on any land within the area of jurisdiction of the Municipality and, without in any way limiting the ordinary meaning of the word, includes the erection of a new building or alterations or additions to any existing building, the dumping of building or other material anywhere in the street, or delivery to or removal from any site of any soil or material of any nature whatsoever.

### **Sidewalks and encroachments on streets**

2. No person shall -

(a) construct or lay a sidewalk in a street -

(ii) except with the written permission of the municipality, or

(iii) otherwise than in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the municipality,  
or

(b) construct a verandah, stoep, steps or other projection or erect a post in a street except with the written permission of the municipality.

### ***Advertisements visible from streets***

3. (1) No person shall display any advertisement, placard, poster or bill in a street -

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- (a) except with the written permission of the municipality, and
  - (b) otherwise than in accordance with such conditions as may be determined by the municipality.
- (2) This section shall not be applicable to signs which have been exempted under the provisions of the municipality's by-law relating to Advertising Signs and the Disfigurement of the Front or Frontages of Streets.

### ***Animals or objects causing an obstruction***

4. No person shall -

- (a) deposit or leave any goods or articles in a street, other than for a reasonable period during the course of the loading, off-loading or removal thereof, or
- (b) in any way obstruct the pedestrian traffic on a sidewalk by bringing or allowing to be brought thereon any animal, object or vehicle (other than a perambulator or wheel-chair which is being used for the conveyance of children or the disabled), or
- (c) cause or allow any blind, awning, cord or other object to project or to be stretched over or onto a street -
  - (i) except with the written permission of the municipality, or
  - (ii) otherwise than in accordance with such conditions as may be determined by the municipality.

### ***Trees in streets***

5. (1) No person shall -

- (a) plant a tree or shrub in a street, or in any way cut down a tree or a shrub in a street or remove it therefrom, except with the written permission of the municipality;
- (b) climb, break or damage a tree growing in a street, or

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(c) in any way mark or paint any tree growing in a street or attach any advertisement thereto.

(2) Any tree or shrub planted in a street shall become the property of the municipality.

### ***Trees causing an interference or obstruction***

6. (1) Whenever there is upon any property any tree or other growth which interferes with overhead wires or is a source of annoyance, danger or inconvenience to persons using a street, the municipality may by notice in writing order the owner or occupier of such property to prune or remove such tree or growth to the extent and within the period specified in such notice.

(2) Any person failing to comply with a notice issued in terms of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) If any person fails to comply with a notice in terms of this section, the municipality may itself prune or remove the tree or growth at the expense of the person on whom the notice was served.

### **Refuse, motor vehicle wrecks, waste material, etc.**

7. No person shall -

(a) dump, leave or accumulate any garden refuse, motor vehicle wrecks, spare parts of vehicles, building or waste materials, rubbish or any other waste products in any street or public place, or

(b) permit any such objects or substances to be dumped or placed in a street or public place from premises owned or occupied by him.

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except with the written permission of the municipality and otherwise than in accordance with such conditions as may be determined by the municipality.

### **Prohibition upon certain activities in connection with objects in streets**

8. No person shall, in a street -
- (a) effect any repairs or service to a vehicle, except where necessary for the purpose of removing such vehicle from the place where it was involved in an accident, or
  - (b) clean or wash a vehicle.

### ***Prohibition upon games and other acts in streets***

9. No person shall -
- (a) roll a hoop, fly a kite, shoot with a bow and arrow or catapult, discharge fireworks or throw a stone, stick or other projectile in, onto or across a street, or
  - (b) do anything in a street which may endanger the life or safety of any person, animal or thing or may be a nuisance, obstruction or annoyance to the public unless such street is provided with clear signs and identifiable paving and street furniture which distinguishes it as “residential erf” or “street park”.

### ***Use of explosives***

10. No person shall in or upon a street use explosives or undertake blasting operations -
- (a) except with the written permission of the municipality, and
  - (b) otherwise than in accordance with such conditions as may be determined by the municipality.

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### Conveyance of animal carcasses or other waste products through streets

11. No person shall carry or convey through a street the carcass of an animal or any garbage, night-soil, refuse, litter, rubbish, manure, gravel or sand -
  - (a) unless it is properly covered, and
  - (b) unless it is conveyed in such type of container as will not allow any offensive liquids or parts of the load to be spilt in the street.

### *Fences on street boundaries*

12. No person shall erect a barbed-wire fence or other dangerous fence on the boundary of a street except with the written permission of the municipality.

### *Building materials in streets*

13. No person shall bore or cut stone or bricks, slake or sift lime, or mix building materials, or store or place building materials in a street except with the written permission of the municipality, and then only in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the municipality.

### **Balconies and verandahs**

14. No person shall, except with the written permission of the municipality -
  - (a) use a balcony or verandah erected beyond the boundary line of a street for purposes of trading or the storage of goods, or for the washing or drying of clothes thereon, or
  - (b) enclose or partition a balcony or verandah erected beyond the boundary line of a street or portion thereof as a living or bedroom.

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### ***Drying of washing on fences on boundaries of streets***

15. No person shall dry or spread washing on a fence on the boundary of a street

### ***Outspanning in streets***

16. No person shall outspan or allow to be outspanned in any street any vehicle drawn by animals, or detach or leave in any street any trailer, caravan or vehicle which is not self-propelled; provided that this provision shall not apply to the actual loading or unloading of such vehicle.

### ***Protection of street surface***

17. (1) No person shall -

(a) use a vehicle or allow it to be used in any street if such vehicle is in such a defective condition that it will or may cause damage to any street, and

(b) drive, push, roll, pull or propel any object, machine or other material through or along a street in such a way, or while such object, machine or material is in such a condition, as may damage, break or destroy the surface of the street in any way.

(2) If the municipality identifies a person who, as a result of the actions referred to in subsection (1), has damaged, broken or destroyed the surface of a street, the cost of repairs, as determined by the municipality, may be recovered from the offender.

(3) Any person who is the owner of land on which any work is done shall be liable for any damage to any portion of a street caused by or in connection with the execution of such work by such owner, his or her employee or any independent contractor acting on behalf of such owner.

(4) When any work which has to be undertaken on any land entails the driving of vehicles over kerbs, sidewalks or road verges, the owner of such land shall not commence, or allow any other person to commence, any such work unless and until such a person has deposited with

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the municipality an amount sufficient to cover the cost of repairing any damage which may be caused to any portion of such street as a result of, or in connection with, the execution of such work by such owner, his or her employee or any independent contractor acting on behalf of such owner.

- (5) After completion of such work, the municipality shall itself undertake the repair of any portion of such street as may have been damaged by such work and shall set off the cost of such repairs against such deposit. If such cost is less than the amount of the deposit, the municipality shall refund the balance to the depositor, but if the amount of the deposit does not cover such cost, the owner shall be liable for the difference, which shall become payable on receipt of an account specifying the additional amount due.
- (6) No person other than an authorised official of the municipality in the performance of his or her duties may apply, mark, paint or draw lines, marks, words, signs or advertisements on the surface of a street.

### ***Damaging of notice-boards***

18. No person shall deface, damage or in any way interfere with any notice-board, road traffic sign, street-name board or other similar sign or any hoarding which has been erected in a street by or with the permission of the municipality.

### ***Street and door-to-door collections***

19. No person shall -
  - (a) collect or attempt to collect money in a street or organise or in any way assist in the organisation of such collection, except with the written permission of the municipality and otherwise than in accordance with such conditions as may be determined by the municipality, or

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- (b) collect from door to door, beg or solicit or accept alms, except with the written permission of the municipality.

### **Excavations in streets**

- 20. No person shall make or cause to be made an excavation or dig or cause to be dug a pit, trench or hole in a street -
  - (a) except with the written permission of the municipality, and
  - (b) otherwise than in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the municipality.

### ***Poison in streets***

- 21. No person other than an official of the municipality or an authorised person who administers legally approved weed-killers or poisons, shall use, set or cast poison in any street.

### ***Processions***

- 22. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (6) no person shall hold, organise, initiate, control or actively participate in a procession or gathering in a street, or dance or sing or play a musical instrument, or do anything which is likely to cause a gathering of persons or the disruption or obstruction of traffic in such street, or shall use any loudspeaker or other device for the reproduction or amplification of sound without the written permission of the municipality in terms of subsections(2) and (3).
- (2) Any person who intends to perform or carry out any one or more of the actions described in subsection (1) in any street shall submit a written application for permission thereto, which shall reach the municipality at least seven days before the date upon which any one or more of such actions is or are intended to be performed or carried out; provided that persons who intend participating actively in a procession, or gathering in any street need not apply to the municipality for permission thereto and it shall not be illegal for such persons to participate

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actively in such procession or gathering if the organizer, promoter or controller thereof has obtained the permission of the municipality. An application made in terms hereof shall contain the following:

- (a) full details of the name, address and occupation of the applicant;
  - (b) full details of the street where or route along which any one or more of the actions prescribed in subsection(1) is or are intended to be performed or carried out, proposed starting and finishing times or any one or more of the aforesaid actions and, in the case of processions and gatherings, the number of persons expected to attend, and
  - (c) general details of the purpose of any one or more of the aforesaid actions intended to be performed or carried out.
- (3) Any application submitted in accordance with subsection (2) shall be considered by the municipality, and if any one or more of the actions to be performed or carried out as proposed in such application is or are not, in the opinion of the municipality, likely to be in conflict with the interests of public peace, good order or safety, the municipality shall issue a certificate granting permission and authorisation for the performance or carrying out of any one or more of such actions subject to such conditions as the municipality may deem necessary to uphold public peace, good order or safety.
- (4) The municipality may refuse to grant permission for the performance or carrying out of any one or more of the actions described in subsection(1), if the performance or carrying out of such action or actions will, in the opinion of the municipality, be in conflict with the interests of public peace, good order or safety.
- (5) The municipality may withdraw any permission granted in terms of subsection (3), if, as a result of further information, it is of the opinion that the performance or carrying out of the action or action in question will be in conflict with the interests of public peace, good order or safety.

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(6) The provisions of this section shall not apply -

- (a) to wedding or funeral processions
- (b) to a gathering or demonstration as contemplated by the Regulation of Gatherings Act No 205 of 1993 in which case the provisions of the said act shall be applicable.

### ***Roller-skating and skating on skate-boards***

23. No person shall, except with the prior written permission of the municipality, skate on roller skates or a skate board or a similar device in or on a proclaimed main road or in or upon an area where skating is prohibited by an applicable road traffic sign.

### ***Persons to be decently clad***

24. No person shall appear in any street without being clothed in such a manner as decency demands.

### ***Overflow of water into streets***

25. No person shall cause or allow any water other than rain water to flow into a street.

### ***Behaviour in streets***

26. No person shall -

- (a) cause a nuisance to other persons by loitering, standing, sitting or lying;
- (b) sleep, overnight or erect any shelter;
- (c) wash or dry clothes, blankets or any other domestic articles;
- (d) use abusive, insulting, obscene, threatening or blasphemous language;
- (e) fight or act in a riotous manner;
- (f) beg or ask members of the public for money or contributions;
- (g) annoy or inconvenience any other person by yelling, shouting or making any noise in any manner whatsoever;
- (h) defacate, urinate or wash himself;

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- (i) solicit or importune any person for the purpose of prostitution or immorality;
- (j) engage in gambling;
- (k) use intoxicating liquor or drugs;
- (l) spit in a street.

### ***Animals in a street***

27. No owner or person -

- (a) in charge of any wild or ferocious animal, monkey or horned cattle shall allow such animals at any time to be insufficiently attended or at large in any street or shall keep any such animal in such a manner as to be a danger or annoyance to the public; or
- (b) shall, allow, permit or cause any animal to graze or stray in or about any street.

### ***Display of street number of places***

28. (1) The municipality may prescribe by notice in writing to the owner of any premises that a number allocated to such premises by the municipality shall be displayed and the owner of such premises shall, within 30 days of the date of such notice, display the allocated number on the premises.

(2) a number displayed as contemplated by sub-section (1) shall -

- (a) be displayed in a conspicuous position on the premises and must at all times be visible and legible from the adjacent street; and
- (b) be replaced by the owner of the premises as often as it gets obliterated, defaced or illegible.

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### ***Bridges and crossings over gutters and sidewalks***

29. No private crossing, pathway, bridge or culvert shall be made or built to or in front of any dwelling or other premises in any street or public place -
- (a) except with the written permission of the municipality, and
  - (b) otherwise than in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the municipality.

### ***Control of amusement shows and devices***

30. (1) No person shall set up or use in any street or public place any circus, whirligig, roundabout or other side-show or device for the amusement or recreation of the public -
- (a) except with the written permission of the municipality
  - (b) otherwise than in accordance with such conditions as may be determined by the municipality.
  - (c) unless suitable sanitary conveniences for both sexes of the staff have been provided ,  
and
  - (d) if it is in any way dangerous or unsafe for public use.
- (2) An authorised official of the municipality shall, for the purposes of inspection; at all reasonable times have free access to such circus, whirligig, roundabout or other side-show or device.

### ***Control of animal-drawn vehicles***

31. (1) No person shall -
- (a) simultaneously drive or be in control of more than one animal-drawn vehicle in a street;

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- (b) drive or be in control of an animal-drawn vehicle in a street if he or she is under 16 years of age, or
  
- (c) if he or she is in control of an animal-drawn vehicle in a street, allow a person under 16 years of age to drive or be in control of such vehicle.

### ***Vehicles to be attended***

- 32. No person shall, in a street, sleep in a vehicle other than a motor vehicle parked in a taxi rank or on some other stand duly allocated by the municipality.

### ***Municipality may act and recover costs***

- 33. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this by-law, the municipality may -
  - (a) where the permission of the municipality is required before a person may perform a certain action or build or erect anything, and such permission has not been obtained, and
  - (b) where any provision of this by-law is contravened under circumstances in which the contravention may be terminated by the removal of any structure, object, material or substance,

serve a written notice on the owner of the premises or the offender, as the case may be, to terminate such contravention, or to remove the structure, object, material or substance, or to take such other steps as the municipality may require to rectify such contravention within the period stated in such notice.

- (2) Any person who fails to comply with a notice in terms of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence, and the municipality may, without prejudice to its powers to take action against the offender, take the necessary steps to implement such notice at the expense of the owner of the premises or the offender, as the case may be.

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### ***Penalty***

34. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this by-law shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon conviction to -
- (1) a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or either such fine or such imprisonment or both such fine and such imprisonment;
  - (2) in the case of a continuing offence, an additional fine or an additional period of imprisonment of 10 days or either such additional fine or such additional imprisonment or both such additional fine and imprisonment for each day on which such offence is continued, and
  - (3) a further amount equal to any costs and expenses found by the court to have been incurred by the municipality as a result of such contravention or failure.