



# **MARULENG PROPERTY RATES BY-LAW**

Maruleng Local Municipality, hereby, in terms of section 6 of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004, has by way of the Council resolution publish the Municipality's Rates By-law set out hereunder.

## **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 Municipality System Act read with section 162 of the Constitution requires a municipality to promulgate municipal by-law 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 IT IS ENACTED** by the Council of the) Maruleng Local Municipality) as follows

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

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

**Municipality'** means (Maruleng Local Municipality)

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

**Rates Policy' means the** '(Maruleng Local Municipality) Municipality's Property rates policy adopted by the Council (Resolution No.) in terms of section 3(1) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act 2004.

### **2. OBJECTS**

The object of this By-law is to give effect to the implementation of the municipality's Rates Policy as contemplated in section 6 of the Municipality Property Rates Act.

### **3. THE RATES POLICY**

The municipality prepared and adopted a Rates Policy as contemplated in terms of the provisions of section 3(1) of the Municipal Property Rates Act. The Rates Policy outlines the municipality's rating practices; therefore, it is not necessary for this By-law to restate and repeat same.

The Rates Policy is hereby incorporated by reference in this By-law. All amendments to the Rates Policy as the Council may approve from time to time, shall be deemed to be likewise incorporated.

The Municipality does not levy rates other than in terms of its Rates Policy and the annually promulgated resolution levying rates which reflects the cent amount in the Rand rate for each category of rateable property.

Copies of the Rates Policy can be obtained from:

- Municipal website [www.maruleng.gov.za](http://www.maruleng.gov.za),
- Hoedspruit - Municipal Offices and Municipal Library at 65 Springbok Street

### **4. CATEGORIES OF RATEABLE PROPERTIES**

The Rates Policy provides for categories of rateable properties determine in terms of section 8 of the Act.

### **5. CATEGORIES OF PROPERTIES AND CATEGORIES OF OWNERS OF PROPERTIES**

The Rates Policy provides for categories of properties and categories of owners of properties for the purposes of granting relief measures (exemptions, reductions and rebates) in terms of section 15 of the Act.

### **6. ENFORCEMENT OF THE RATES POLICY**

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

### **7. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT**

This By-law is called the (Maruleng Local Municipality) Municipal Property Rates By-law, and takes effect on the date on which it is published in the Provincial Gazette