

GREATER TAUNG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



Credit Control and Debt Collection By-Law

Financial year: 2024/2025

Effective: 1 July 2024

Approved date: DRAFT

Resolution:

CREDIT CONTROL AND DEBT COLLECTION BYLAWS

Bylaw

To give effect to the implementation of the Greater Taung Local Municipality's Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

Preamble

WHEREAS the Greater Taung Local Municipality has adopted a Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy for the current financial year AND WHEREAS section 98 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), requires a municipal council to adopt bylaws to give effect to the municipality's credit control and debt collection policy; BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Council of the Greater Taung Local Municipality, as follows:

1. Definitions

In this By-Law any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall bear the same meaning in these bylaws, and unless the context indicates otherwise —

“**Act**” means the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), as amended from time to time;

“**Council**” means the Council of the Greater Taung Local Municipality ; and

“**rate**” or “**rates**” means a rate on property and or services as approved by council.

2. Objective of the Bylaw

The objective of this bylaw is to —

- i. ensure that all monies due and payable to the Council are collected;
- ii. provide for customer management, credit control procedures and mechanisms and debt collection procedures and mechanisms;
- iii. provide for indigents in a way that is consistent with rates and tariff policies and any national policy on indigents;
- iv. provide for extension of time for payment of accounts;
- iv. provide for charging of interest on arrears, where appropriate;
- v. provide for termination of services or the restriction of the provision of services when payments are in the arrears; and
- vi. provide for matters relating to unauthorized consumption of services, theft, and damages.

3. Application of Bylaw

This bylaw shall only apply to money due and payable to the Council and municipal entity in respect of which the municipality is the parent municipality for —

- a. Assessment rates and taxes levied on the property
- b. Fees, surcharges on fees, charges, and tariffs in respect of municipal services, such as –
 - i provision of water;
 - ii refuse removal;
 - iii sewerage;
 - iv removal and purification of sewerage;
 - v electricity consumption;
 - vi municipal services provided through prepaid meters.
 - (a) all other related costs for services rendered in terms of the property
 - vii interest which has accrued or will accrue in respect of money due and payable to the Council;
 - viii surcharges; and
 - ix collection charges in those cases where the Council is responsible for.
 - (aa) the rendering of municipal accounts in respect of any one or more of the municipal services;
 - (bb) the recovery of amounts due and payable in respect thereof, irrespective whether the municipal services, or any of them, are provided by the Council itself or by a service utility with which it has concluded a service provider agreement to provide a service on the municipality’s behalf.

4. Short title and commencement

This Bylaw is the Credit control and Debt collection By-Law of the Greater Taung Local Municipality and takes effect on date of new financial year as indicated.