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NEW ELECTRICITY TARIFFS NOW EFFECTIVE

Electricity



Even though approval by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) is still awaited, Council approved the new electricity tariffs for Overstrand Municipality on 31 May 2022. As per the scale below, the following rates came into effect on 1 July 2022:

- * 350 kWh @ R1.79 (1.7879) = R625.77 or 0-350 units = R1.79 per unit
- * 250 kWh @ R2.68 (2.6788) = R669.70 or 351-600 units = R2.68 per unit

UNDERSTANDING ELECTRICITY BLOCK TARIFFS

An inclining block tariff applies to all households, irrespective of whether they make use of a single- or three-phase connection. Accordingly, electricity units are charged at different rates according to a series of "inclining blocks" based on the number of units a household purchased in the course of a calendar month.

By way of illustration, the first 350 kWh purchased during a calendar month constitutes the first block and is charged at the lowest rate. Thereafter, every 250 units purchased during the same month will be charged at a slightly higher (inclining) rate.

Thus, the moment your electricity consumption exceeds the limit set for Block 1 (i.e. 350 kWh), you will automatically move on to the more expensive rate set for Block 2 and, when the limit set for that block is exceeded, on to Block 3.

Movement from one block to the next is automatic and depends solely on the number of units purchased during a specific calendar month.

At the end of the calendar month, your history will be reset and your consumption for the next month will yet again commence at Block 1.

Timing purchases

Note that movement from one block to the next is not affected at all by the number of transactions conducted within a month. In other words, you can spread your purchases over many transactions, or do a once-off transaction. The proviso, though, is that all transactions must be conducted within one calendar month.

A word of advice to consumers who make use of prepaid electricity: Be sure to buy only enough units for one month. If you buy in bulk, you will end up paying more.

Switch to prepaid and save

Customers who make use of prepaid electricity pay 15c per unit less than those who make use of credit meters.

* For details on Overstrand Municipality's annual tariff list, visit www.overstrand.gov.za. Click on Strategic Documents, then Budget and scroll down to Annexure C (Rates and Tariffs).

SIU INVESTIGATION

Regarding progress with the Special Investigation Unit's submission of its report on alleged irregularities with regards to housing in Overstrand Municipality, note that this unit has requested an extension until mid-August.

Seemingly, certain elements pertinent to the investigation will require more time.

On being informed that the SIU's report will not be submitted by 30 June 2022 as anticipated, Dr. Annelie Rabie (Overstrand's Executive Mayor), remarked that "Council is eagerly awaiting the outcome of this investigation as the view is held that it will assist the municipality to improve housing delivery".

Once submitted, the long-awaited report will be tabled in Council for consideration.

INVESTMENT CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED

MORE THAN 120 DELEGATES attended Overstrand Municipality's first Investment Conference held from 23-24 June in Hermanus.

With a specific focus on the cost and ease of doing business with the local authority, the conference aimed to showcase investment opportunities in the Overstrand and to exchange lessons learnt and insights gained with potential investors and representatives from the business and real estate sectors.

In her opening address, Executive Mayor Dr Annelie Rabie urged delegates to study these documents carefully because, as she put it, "if you plan on investing in the Overstrand, it is important that you understand the good, the bad and the ugly".

She nevertheless went on to reassure those present that Overstrand Municipality is financially stable with sufficient reserves to cover all operational expenses for at least four months, irrespective of whether grants from the provincial or national government are forthcoming or not.

She also pointed out that the municipality can boast with clean audits for nine consecutive years, a feat she attributed to past councils, municipal managers and municipal officials "because you don't just 'suddenly' create a financially stable environment. It follows on years of hard work by people who are committed to making the Overstrand work".

The Mayor concluded by saying that she and her team believe in an active and open civil society: "You can talk to us and you can visit us, but don't try to bribe our officials or to take shortcuts; we will not allow it. Show respect for the municipality's processes and procedures. On our part, we will reciprocate by ensuring that your applications are dealt with speedily and swiftly."

Proudly Overstrand



Executive Mayor, Dr Annelie Rabie, flanked by Municipal Manager, Dean O'Neill (left) and MAYCO member for investment and infrastructure, Cllr. Clinton Lerm (right) deserve being lauded for successfully hosting Overstrand Municipality's first Investment Conference.



There to show their support were Councillors Kholiswa Ngqandana and Masibongwe Sihlahla pictured here in the company of Cyril Zwane and Sammy Brett with Forster Nkomo in front.

Delegates rubbing shoulders



Mark Schonrock, Tafadzwa Ncube and James Simpson enjoying a cup-a.



Pierre Boshoff and Richard Kotze in the company of Gideon Serfontein.

RECYCLE: IT'S AS SIMPLE AS 1, 2, 3

- **STEP 1:** Take a conscious decision to help protect the environment.
- **STEP 2:** Separate your household waste according to items that can be recycled and those that can't.
- **STEP 3:** Place the recyclable items in a clear plastic bag next to your wheelie bin/black bag on collection day.

And that is that.

Overstrand Municipality will collect your recyclables and transport it to the Waste Material Recovery Facility in Hermanus where it will be sorted, baled and forwarded to the respective operators that specialise in recycling specific items.

Here is a quick reminder of those items you can safely dispose of in your clear plastic bag:

- ✓ **PAPER/CARDBOARD:** Newspapers, magazines, office paper and cardboard, including smaller items made from cardboard such as egg cartons and boxes that contained your cereal, toothpaste or medication.
- ✓ **GLASS:** Bottles, containers or receptacles made from glass. Note that large shards of shattered glass (e.g. windscreens, window panes) must be disposed of at building-rubble sites.
- ✓ **PLASTICS:** Cold-drink, water and milk containers; containers that contained items such as cooking oil and household cleansing aids; shopping and refuse bags; yoghurt and ice-cream containers; cling film.
- ✓ **CANS:** Cold-drink and food cans; deodorant and hairspray cans; cans that contained household cleansing aids. Note that tins containing things such as varnish, paint or thinners must be disposed of at building-rubble sites.

How to get started:

Clear plastic bags are available free of charge from the municipal offices in Kleinmond (5th Avenue) and Hermanus (Magnolia Street) as well as the Waste Material Recovery Facility in Schulphoek Road, next to the Water Treatment

Works and Zwelihle Primary School.

Every time we collect a clear plastic bag from your premises, we will simultaneously replace it with another one, also free of charge.

We do, however, suggest that you buy a roll of clear plastic bags when next you go grocery shopping. This can come in handy when your replacement bag gets lost or if you find that you need more than one bag, for example when family/friends visit over long weekends or during holidays.



Remember, you are welcome to drop large amounts of recyclables off at the Waste Material Recovery Facility. This facility is open for acceptance of recyclable waste from the general public between 08:00 and 17:00 from Monday to Friday and until 14:00 on public holidays that fall on a weekday.

Currently, this facility is closed over weekends, but recyclables can be left at the drop-off on Saturdays between the hours of 09:00-16:00.

Let's all do your bit to prevent recyclables from ending up in a landfill site. It's easy! If you are still a little uncertain about what all can be recycled, feel free to call Hermanus Recycling on 083 310 2319 for assistance.

Pedestrian-friendly sidewalk gardening



The enthusiasm with which home owners are assisting to beautify our neighbourhoods by sprucing up their sidewalks is much appreciated.

A word of caution, though: As much as the appearance of your sidewalk can up the aesthetic appeal and value of your property, be sure that your garden does not spill onto the sidewalk to such an extent that it would be virtually impossible for a pedestrian (leave alone a mother pushing a stroller) to move along the sidewalk without having to step into the road and, by inference, into traffic.

In accordance with municipal by-laws, sidewalks are classified as road reserves. A road reserve is the area parallel to adjacent erven, including the road itself.

In most cases, it is the space between an erf boundary and the road edge and, besides being reserved for the placement of various underground services, the intention with sidewalks is to ensure that pedestrians can safely negotiate public roads.

In terms of Overstrand's Policy on the Administration of Immovable Property, sidewalk encroachments can be regarded as illegal if they do not comply with the stipulations pertaining to "Projections, Projecting Structures and Encroachments" as set out in paragraphs 63 and 64 of this policy.

Accordingly, home owners and landscapers should exercise constraint when planting shrubs, trees and/or flowering plants as an extension of a garden onto the road reserve. Neither should they place rocks or loose stones on sidewalks in a manner that would obstruct freedom of pedestrian movement.

Owners/developers who wish to beautify sidewalks are, therefore, advised to submit an application indicating the intended layout and dimensions to the relevant Property Administration Department prior to disturbing sidewalks in any way.

For assistance in this regard, feel free to contact us by sending an email to enquiries@overstrand.gov.za.

PEARLY BEACH DROP-OFF OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Overstrand Municipality encourages Pearly Beach and Eluxolweni residents to make use of the Pearly Beach drop-off facility to dispose of their excess general household waste (such as clean recyclables and black bags) as well as clean garden waste. Very small quantities of building rubble (less than a bakkie load) can also be disposed of here. As this is a small drop-off facility, it only accepts small vehicle loads (e.g. a car with a trailer), and the number of loads that can be delivered is also limited to a maximum of two per household per day.

For the disposal of larger loads, residents should please make use of the Gansbaai landfill site.

Drop-off operating times:

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 08:00 to 17:00
- Wednesdays: Closed
- Saturdays: 10:00 to 16:00
- Sundays: 13:00 to 17:00
- Public holidays: 10:00 to 15:00



Refuse collection schedule for Gansbaai:

- MONDAY: Pearly Beach
- TUESDAY: De Kelders, Masakhane, Beverly Hills
- WEDNESDAY: Franskraal, portion of Gansbaai Industria, Masakhane
- THURSDAY: Kleinbaai, Baardskeedersbos, portion of Gansbaai CBD
- FRIDAY: Gansbaai, Perlemoen Bay, Blompark, Masakhane, Beverly Hills

FARMING REBATE

Owners/farmers who can provide proof that their properties are used for *bona fide* farming purposes can apply for a rebate on property rates.

Applications close on 30 September 2022 and the necessary forms can be downloaded from www.overstrand.gov.za. Go to Documents, and click on Forms.

Direct queries in this regard to Overstrand's Rates and Data Control Office at 028 313 8000 or send an e-mail to enquiries@overstrand.gov.za.

FIRST THURSDAYS

Given that the official opening of this year's Kalfiefee happens to fall on the first Thursday in August, Mayor Rabie requested that the scheduled First Thursday meeting with residents in and around Kleinmond be postponed by a week.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your inputs and ideas on how municipal service delivery in your area can be improved.

The Mayor and her team look forward to meeting you one-on-one at the Town Hall in Kleinmond on **11 August from 17:00 – 19:00**.

Note, too, that September's meeting will be held in Gansbaai.