

**AGENDA of the
Portfolio Committee : Community Services
22 September 2020
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**2.
COVID-19: EXEMPTION FROM PAYING PARKING FEES OF EIGHT LARGE
VESSELS PARKED AT THE KLEINBAAI PUBLIC LAUNCHING SITE (PLS)**

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1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider the application for the exemption from paying parking fees by owners of eight large vessels parked at the Kleinbaai Public Launching Site (PLS) for the months of April 2020, May 2020, June 2020, July 2020 and August 2020.

2. Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan - IGNITE

Directorate Finance - Department Financial Services

Directorate Community Services - Management of Public Boat Launching Site

3. Compliance with Strategic Priorities

Provision of democratic, accountable and ethical governance

Promotion of tourism, economic and social development

4. Delegated Authority

None

5. Legal Requirements

Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003.

Customer Care, Credit Control & Debt Collection Policy, as amended.

6. Background/Discussion/Evaluation/Conclusion

Background

The international COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the decision by the South African Government to declare a national disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act, 2002. The mentioned declaration by government was escalated through the announcement by the President on 23 March 2020 to a national lock down in the country from midnight, 26 March 2020. The lock down approach whereby citizens must stay home (except for certain exemptions), is regarded as government's fundamental task to contain the spreading of the corona virus. Since the mentioned announcement various Regulations were

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issued in terms of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 to regulate and manage compliance with regard to the lock down. The Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs subsequent to the announcement of the lock down issued a Regulation on 25 March 2020 followed by amendments to direct municipalities and provinces to respond to various matters to combat COVID-19.

Eight parking bays for large vessels using the registered public launching site in Kleinbaai are available for short term rental by operators in the shark diving-/whale watching industry in Gansbaai. The vessels used in the industry are large in size (abnormal) and it was not practically possible to move them from the mentioned parking bays on Erf 423, Kleinbaai.

Shark diving in Gansbaai is globally recognised as a valuable contributor to the local-, provincial- and national economic environment. The tourism industry is suffering severe losses in income during the global COVID-19 pandemic, and could not even do business during alert levels 5, 4 and 3 (27 March 2020 until 16 August 2020). The majority of their staff were also retrenched due to the negative impact of the mentioned alert levels on their respective businesses.

Discussion

The tariffs (S1J1) applicable to onsite parking at the particular PLS are:

- 2019/2020 : R1,078,00 (including VAT) per month
- 2020/2021 : R1,142,00 (including VAT) per month

The introduction of measures against the COVID-19 pandemic resulted into a complete loss of income for the operators in the industry for the mentioned period of alert levels 5, 4 and 3, since the operators were not allowed to do business. It is therefore requested that exemption be granted for the eight parking bays for large vessels for the months of April 2020, May 2020, June 2020, July 2020 and August 2020 during which alert levels 5, 4 and 3 were mainly applicable.

7. Financial Implications

The total amount for the onsite parking for the eight large vessels from 1 April to 31 August 2020 are:

- 2019/2020 : R1,078,00 x 3 x 8 = R25,872,00 (including VAT)
- 2020/2021 : R1,142,00 x 2 x 8 = R18,272,00 (including VAT)
- R44,144,00 (including VAT)

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8. Staff Implications

None

9. Comments from other Departments, Divisions and Administrations

None

10. Annexures

None

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL:

that the exemption from the payment of rental for the months of April 2020, May 2020, June 2020, July 2020 and August 2020 for the tenants of the eight parking bays for large vessels at Kleinbaai PLS, **be approved.**

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THIS MATTER SERVED BEFORE THE JOINT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2020, WHICH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

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