

MSUNDUZI ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS (MARR)

6 April 2020

Jayshree Seethal
Msunduzi Municipality

QUESTIONS ON TARIFF PROCESS

Dear Jayshree

On behalf of the Msunduzi Association of Residents and Ratepayers (MARR) we would like to submit some questions around the notice of the tariffs as advertised in the Witness paper today.

We refer to the advert placed by the Msunduzi Municipality regarding comments for the 2020/2021 tariffs.

We went onto the municipality website and went to the tariff tab and only found the 2019/2020 approved tariffs. Where on the website are the 2020/2021 draft tariffs?

We also want to ask the following questions:

1. What arrangements are being made for people who cannot read and in what other languages has this notice been published in?
2. Based on the lock down conditions how can the procedures be fully complied with?
3. In addition 30 days' notice needs to be given. From the 9 to 24 April means 15 days' notice. Why is the notice period shorten?

We would like to inform the municipality that the process is procedural flawed and the public is being prejudiced and not afforded due process.

Also the rebate on the previous recycling charges that residents and ratepayers objected to previously on the same grounds as the municipality never afforded us an inspection of the non-existent plant never took place and the tariffs were then stopped. Where are our black, transparent and green plastic bags that all municipalities are supposed to supply each household with? We also would like to have an inspection of the "recycling plant" that residents and ratepayers were being fallaciously charged for.

We would like to inform the municipality that the whole process is illegal in terms of the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000.

We therefore request that the municipality extends the notice to inspect the tariffs to 30 days and to make suitable provisions under the circumstances of the lock down.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely
Anthony Waldhausen
Convener – MARR

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