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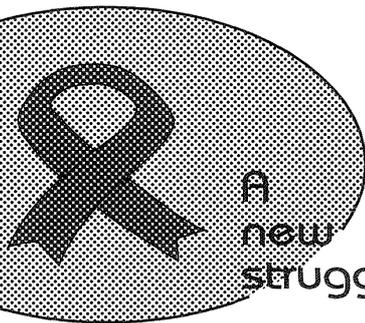
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**UMJINDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
2014/2015 FINAL MEDIUM-TERM REVENUE
AND
EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK
(MTREF)**

1. TARIFF SETTING

1.1 Umjindi Municipality derives its revenue from the provision of services such as electricity, water, sanitation and refuse removal. A considerable portion of the revenue is also derived from property rates and grants by national governments as well as other minor charges such as traffic fines.

1.2 Tariff increases are primarily driven by the Consumer Price Index

Tariff and Property Rate increases should be affordable and on line with the CPIX, as outlined in the MFMA Circular 72 from National Treasury however taking into account the need to address infrastructure requirements, as well as adjusting some tariff to make the costs of rendering the service to breakeven, therefore some tariff can be increased with more than the CPIX.

The MFMA Circular 72 however stipulates as follows:

National Treasury has observed that municipalities unjustifiably approve property rate and service charge tariff increases far above the 6.0 per cent upper boundary of the inflation target; in some instances municipalities have increased annual tariffs in excess of 100 per cent in a single financial year. For this reason *municipalities must justify and substantiate in their budget documentation (budget narrative) all increases in excess of the 6.0 per cent upper boundary of the South African Reserve Bank's inflation target.*

All the tariffs have been increased by a percentage of 6% if not indicated on attached schedule to this document except for electricity of which Circular 72 of the MFMA stipulates as follows:

Municipalities are advised to structure their 2014/15 electricity tariffs based on the approved 7.39 per cent NERSA guideline tariff increase and provide for an 8.06 per cent increase in the cost of bulk purchases for the tabled 2014/15 budgets and MTREF. In this regard municipalities are once again urged to examine the cost structure of their electricity undertakings and apply to NERSA for electricity tariff increases that are cost reflective and ensure continued financial sustainability.

1.3 Tariff increases were therefore calculated at 6% with regards to the main services, with the exception of Electricity.

2 **Property Rates**

2.1 Property rates cover the shortfall on the provision of general services. Determining the effective property rate tariff is therefore an integral part of the municipality's budgeted process.

CATEGORY	CURRENT TARIFF 2013/14 (No VAT)	PROPOSED TARIFF 2014/15 (No VAT)	Increase (Decrease) in tariff
	C	C	
Residential	0.00800	0.0085	6%
Business & Commercial	0.01600	0.0170	6%
Industrial	0.01600	0.0170	6%
State owned residential	0.00800	0.0085	6%
State owned non- residential	0.00800	0.0085	6%
Agricultural residential	0.00800	0.0085	6%
Agricultural non- residential (Land solely for farming)	0.00800	0.0085	6%
Agricultural non- residential (Business)	0.01600	0.01700	6%
Agricultural vacant land	0.00800	0.0085	6%
All non-agricultural land	0.00800	0.0085	6%
All non-permitted use	0.00800	0.0085	6%

3 Water

- 3.1 A 6% increase in water tariffs applicable to the residents of Umjindi is proposed
- 3.2 A summary of the tariffs (VAT INCLUDED) for households (residential) and non-residential are as follows as from 1 July 2014.

CATEGORY	CURRENT	PROPOSED	PROPOSED
	TARIFFS 2013/14 (Including VAT)	TARIFFS 2014/15 (Including VAT)	TARIFFS 2014/15 Increase
	Per Kl R	Per Kl R	%
Monthly Basic Charge per Category			
Residential (Approved indigents Free)	43.85	46.48	6.0%
Residential: Town Developed & Churches (Approved indigents Free)	43.85	46.48	6.0%
Residential: Emjindini Developed & Churches (Approved indigents Free)	39.77	42.15	6.0%
Residential: Undeveloped	81.23	86.10	6.0%
Business	81.23	86.10	6.0%
Prison farm	118 358.16	125 459.65	6.0%
Purified Water per Month			
Residential Consumer 0 – 6 kl			
All consumers 7 kl – 25 kl	6.25	6.62	6.0%
26 kl – 35 kl	7.11	7.53	6.0%
36 kl and above	7.13	7.56	6.0%
Unpurified Water to Industries and Crocodile Farm			
First 500 kl or part thereof	573.97	608.40	6.0%
Above 500 kl	2.03	2.15	6.0%
New Connection Charges			%
Non-Residential (e.g Industrial, Businesses)	Cost + 15%	Cost + 15%	

Testing of Meter			
Where meter show an error of less than 2,5%	154.71	163.99	6.0%
Where meter show an error of more than 2,5%	N/C	N/C	
Water Connection			
Water connection	1640.00	1738.40	6.0%
Poverty (Indigent) tariff (A281/2005)	521.39	552.67	6.0%
PENALTIES: TAMPERING WITH WATER METERS (RECONNECTION FEE)			
Domestic Consumers (Pre-paid & Conventional)			
FIRST OFFENCE			
Without damage to installation	3 021.00	3202.26	6.0%
With damage to installation	3 625.20	3842.71	6.0%
SECOND OFFENCE	6 042.00	6404.52	6.0%
THIRD OFFENCE			
Legal action and removal of meter			

SELF – RECONNECTION			
When a customer has illegally reconnected himself/herself after he/she has been cut-off due to reasons such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to pay his/her account; • After meter has been found tampered with; and • Meter by-passed by customer 	6 042.00	6404.52	6.0%
If customers readings, differs from those taken when he/she was cut-off, such customer be declared self-reconnected and the following fine be imposed upon him/her and the installation be removed	6 042.00	6404.52	6.0%
BUSINESS CONSUMERS AND LARGE WATER USERS			
FIRST OFFENCE			
Plus an estimated cost for loss of income during the period when the meter was tempered with	6 042.00	6404.52	6%
SECOND OFFENCE			
Legal action and removal of meter			
The occupier/owner of the property be held liable for any tempering with any meter on his/her property			

4 Refuse Removal

4.1 Currently (2013/2014) has the refuse removal been transformed during the current (2012/2013) financial year and is new tariff structures have been implemented. In normal practice terms, the rendering of this service should at least break-even, which is currently not the case. Umjindi will have to implement a strategy to ensure that this service can be rendered in a sustainable manner over the long-to-medium-term.

4.2 The following table indicates a comparison between current and that is payable from 1 July 2014 (VAT INCLUDED)

021 REFUSE REMOVAL : ALL NEW TARIFF STRUCTURE WAS IMPLEMENTED 2012/2013	CURRENT TARIFFS 2013/14 (Including VAT)	PROPOSED TARIFFS 2014/15 (Including VAT)	PROPOSED TARIFFS 2014/15 Increase
Once per week : Residential			
1 st Bin : All Sections	85.50	90.63	6%
Schools			
Category A (With Boarding Facilities) BTN Hoërskool, BTN Primary	4322.00	4591.92	6%
Category B (Without Boarding Facilities) Mhola Primary, Comprehensive High School, Sikhuthele, Amon NKosi, Ngwane, eMjindini, Ekucathuzeni, BTN Secondary, Mountainview, Ehlanzeni FET, Veldskool etc	1710.00	1812.60	6%
Category C (e.g Kleuterskool, Gummy Bears, Gateway, Barberton Creche)	820.80	870.05	6%
Category D (Prison Farm)	26584.80	28179.89	6%
Category E (Town Prison)	16917.60	17932.66	6%
Category F (General business=not food premises)	589.38	624.74	6%
Category G (SAPS, Court, Home Affairs, Mafica Clinic, Circuit Office, Dept Sports / Museum, Cathville Clinic, Town Clinic, Labour Dept, Public Works, Regiment Botha	4591.92	4867.44	6%
Institutions			
Category H (BTN General Hospital)	6726.00	7129.56	6%
Category I (SANTA Hospital)	6384.00	6767.04	6%
Category J Commercial Businesses (Eureka, Lomati, Shoprite, Jock of the Bushveld)	15960.00	16917.60	6%

Category K : Medi- clinic	5234.79	5548.88	6%
Commercial Wholesalers / Supermarket	1653.00	1752.18	6%
Food Premises, Butcheries, Food Outlets	845.88	896.63	6%
General Business Garages & Spares	580.03	614.83	6%
Spaza Shops	212.04	224.76	6%
Commercial Residents High Waste Generation (e.g Flats)	706.80	749.21	6%
Special removals (6m3)		1749.21	6%
Cleaning of Erven per m ²	1.71	1.81	6%
NEW			
Private waste removal: 1-2 Ton per disposal		20.00	New
Private waste removal: 3 Ton per disposal		40.00	New
Private waste removal: > than 3 Ton per disposal		80.00	New

5 **Sanitation**

5.1 The tariff is proposed to be increased by 6% from 1 July 2014

5.2 The following table indicate the tariffs (VAT INCLUDED) to be implemented with effect from 1 July 2014:

CATEGORY	CURRENT TARIFFS 2013/14 (Including VAT)	PROPOSED TARIFFS 2014/15 (Including VAT)	PROPOSED TARIFFS 2014/15 Increase
	R	R	
Private Residential Purposes			
For every 100m ² or portion thereof	6.97	7.39	6%
Maximum	135.76	143.91	6%
Prisons			
For every 100m ² or portion thereof	6.97	7.39	6%
Maximum	3 171.69	3361.99	6%
Other Land			
For every 100m ² or portion thereof	6.97	7.39	6%
Maximum	1903.01	2017.19	6%
Domestic Sewerage			
Per water closet pan, urinal or compartment	20.65	21.89	6%
Connection Fees			
Non-Residential (e.g Industrial, Businesses)	Cost + 15%	Cost + 15%	
Sewerage Connection Fees			
Sewerage connection fees	1 423.39	1508.79	6%
Poverty (Indigent) tariff	678.43	719.14	6%

Self-Connection / Illegal Connection Fees			
When a resident, business has illegally connected him/herself to the sewerage network			
Residential	1 921.36	2036.64	6%
Business	3 842.71	4073.27	6%
Sewerage Blockages Private Properties	No service	No service	

- 6 **Electricity**
- 6.1 The approved tariff is to be changed according to NERSA guidelines
- 6.2 **Only residents of Umjindi who are registered and approved indigent household will continue to get the 50 kWh per month free of charge.**
- 6.3 The following table indicates the approved electricity charges (VAT INCLUDED) for the 2014/15 financial year.

CATEGORY	CURRENT TARIFFS 2013/14 (Including VAT)	PROPOSED TARIFFS 2014/15 (Including VAT)
	R	
DOMESTIC (HOUSEHOLD, FLATS, GUEST HOUSES, CHURCHES & SCHOOLS WITHOUT KVA AND AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS)		
Domestic Basic Charge		
Domestic with no consumption for 30 days and longer & vacant stands		
Residential	204.38	221.14
Domestic Energy Charge of Electricity (Block tariff)		
Conventional 0 – 50 units Block 1	0.798	0.842
Conventional 51– 351 and above units Block 2	0.992	1.056
Conventional 351– 600 units Block 3	1.322	1.436
Conventional 601– above Block 4	1.573	1.687
Pre-paid Domestic 0 -50 units Block 1	0.798	0.842
Pre-paid Domestic 51 -350 units Block 2	0.992	1.056
Pre-paid Domestic 351 -600 units Block 3	1.334	1.432
Pre-paid Domestic 600 and above Block 4	1.573	1.687

COMMERCIAL (MUNICIPAL , BUSINESS ETC)		
Basic Charge (conventional)		
Three phase (including vacant stand)	1033.10	1117.81
Single phase (including vacant stand)	906.87	981.23
Energy Charge of Electricity		
Charge per unit	1.129	1.230
Business consumption (Pre-paid)	1.425	1.553
INDUSTRIAL (MUNICIPAL, BUSINESS, SCHOOLS WITH KVA ECT)		
Low Voltage 400 V (Demand Scale)		
Metered KVA	154.41	167.08
Charge per unit	0.741	0.802
Basic charge (including vacant stands)	1329.67	1438.71
Time of use		
Peak	3.124	3.027
Standard	0.730	0.917
Off-peak	0.490	0.569
KVA 11000V		
Metered KVA	154.41	167.08
Charge per unit	0.576	0.624
Basic charge (including vacant stand)	1360.59	1438.70
Time of use		
Basic charge	1 360.59	1438.70
Demand charge per kVA (30 min periods)	53.01	154.41
Energy charges		
Peak		
High Demand (June – August)	2.820	3.027
Low Demand (September – May)	0.920	0.987
Standard		
High Demand (June – August)	0.854	0.917
Low Demand (September – May)	0.633	0.680
Off-peak		
High Demand (June – August)	0.530	0.569
Low Demand (September – May)	0.402	0.431

CONNECTION CHARGES AND OTHER MAINTENANCE		
Single phase pre-paid meter	6 320.16	7078.58
Single phase conventional meter	6 224.40	6971.33
Single phase pre-paid meter (Poverty)Indigent	1 896.05	2123.57
Three phase pre-paid meter	10 533.60	11797.63
Three phase conventional meter	10 220.78	11447.28
Change conventional to pre-paid meter (single phase)	1036.762	1161.17
Change conventional to pre-paid meter (three phase)	2119.49	2373.83
Change pre-paid to conventional (Single phase)	1075.06	1204.07
Change pre-paid to conventional (Three phase)	2 119.49	2373.83
PENALTIES: TAMPERING WITH ELECTRICITY METERS		
Domestic Consumer (Pre-paid & Conventional)		
First Offence		
Without damage to installation	3 420.00	4104.00
With damage to installation	4 377.60	5253.12
Second Offence		
	4 993.20	5991.84
Third Offence		
Legal action and removal of meter		
SELF – RECONNECTION		
When a customer has illegally reconnected himself/herself after he/she has been cut-off due to reasons such as:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to pay his/her account; • After meter has been found tempered with; and • Meter by-passed by customer 		
If customers readings, differs from those taken when he/she was cut-off, such customer be	3 420.00	4104.00

declared self-reconnected and the following fine be imposed upon him/her and the installation be removed		
Business Consumers and Large Power users		
FIRST OFFENCE		
Plus an estimated cost for loss of income during the period when the meter was tampered with	8 481.60	10177.92
SECOND OFFENCE		
Legal action and removal of meter		
The occupier/owner of the property be held liable for any tampering with any meter on his/her property		
Testing of Meters (Section 9(1) of By Laws)		
Attendance to complaint other than fault in council's supply or equipment (per call)	1 412.46	1553.71
Testing of electrical installation (Section 16(8)b of By-Laws) – On request of consumer	605.34	665.87
Replacement of tariff circuit breakers with		
Higher circuit breaker per phase	470.82	517.90
Lower circuit breaker per phase	470.82	517.90
Consumer is of the opinion tariff circuit breaker to current value that its rating		
Tariff	470.82	517.90
Per circuit breaker	242.14	266.35
(These costs are refundable at non-compliance)		
After a tariff circuit breaker has been tested, the Engineer's finding as to the tariff circuit breaker's compliance with the provisions of these By-Laws shall be final and a tariff circuit breaker shall be regarded as complying with the provisions of these By-Laws if the test proves that it does not trip within 30 minutes when it passes a steady current of 5% below its rating		

Aggregate of units determined by Council Engineer	At Tariff	
Testing/fault finding on electrical cables		
First 2 hours	1 681.50	1849.65
Every hour thereafter	605.34	665.87
Plus: Travel cost	Actual cost	
Tariff classification		
In the event of a dispute regarding the tariff under which a consumer is classified, Council's decision shall be final		

7 Other tariffs

7.1 Cemetery

Tariffs increase of 6% (VAT INCLUDED)

	CURRENT TARIFFS 2013/14 (Including VAT)	PROPOSED TARIFFS 2014/15 (Including VAT)	PROPOSED TARIFFS 2014/15 Increase
001 Cemetery			
Within Umjindi	Total including VAT		%
	R		
Indigents			
Adult	240.77	255.21	6%
Child and Stillborn (0 - 12 Years)	133.28	141.27	6%
All Others			
Adult	674.79	715.28	6%
Child and Stillborn (0 - 12 Years)	333.22	353.22	6%
Wall of Remembrance			
Single Niche	191.59	203.08	6%
Double Niche	408.20	432.69	6%
Reservations' of graves and niches			
Grave	133.29	141.29	6%
Niche	43.32	45.92	6%
Widening or deepening graves	283.29	300.29	6%
Curbstone decorations/applications	83.33	88.33	6%
Exhumation of a body	741.05	785.51	6%

001 Cemetery	CURRENT TARIFFS 2013/14 (Including VAT)	PROPOSED TARIFFS 2014/15 (Including VAT)	PROPOSED TARIFFS 2014/15 Increase
001 Cemetery	2013/2014	2014/2015	
Outside Umjindi	Total including VAT	Total including VAT	
	R	R	
Indigents			
Adult	285.79	302.93	6%
Child and Stillborn (0 - 12 Years)	142.90	151.47	6%
All Others			
Adult	1 316.54	1395.53	6%
Child and Stillborn (0 - 12 Years)	658.27	697.77	6%
Wall of Remembrance			
Single Niche	417.43	442.48	6%
Double Niche	842.92	893.49	6%
Reservations' of graves and niches			
Grave	272.95	289.33	6%
Niche	88.35	93.65	6%
Widening or deepening graves	272.92	289.29	6%
Curbstone decorations/applications	94.62	100.30	6%
Exhumation of a body	764.94	810.84	6%

NEW			
Renting of halls	Profit making events		
Deposit (Refundable)		2 500.00	New
Rental per day		3 000.00	New
Renting Enjindini Stadium	Profit making events		-
Deposit (Refundable)		1 000.00	New
Rental per day		2 500.00	New

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