



**Ekurhuleni**  
METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

**SCHEDULE "17"**

**EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY**

**TARIFFS: REMOVAL OF STREET TREES**

In terms of the relevant legislation the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality at a meeting held on **20 April 2011**, resolved to amend its Tariffs for the Removal of Street Trees with effect from **1 July 2011** as follows:

**ALL TARIFFS LISTED BELOW OR TO BE CALCULATED IN TERMS OF THIS SCHEDULE OF TARIFFS INCLUDE VAT.**

1. Trees will be removed on Metro property by the division Metro Parks of the department Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture at no charge in respect of the following:
  - (i). Dead or diseased beyond recovery;
  - (ii). Causes a traffic hazard, where pruning will not alleviate the problem;
  - (iii). Obstructs the view of Traffic Signs and Signals, where pruning will not alleviate the problem;
  - (iv). To accommodate road widening;
  - (v). Causes an electrical problem, where pruning will not alleviate the problem;
  - (vi). Tree roots interfere with underground infrastructure and services, where pruning will not alleviate the problem;
  - (vii). Is damaging private or Council property e.g. walls or paving, where another horticultural solution will not solve the problem;
  - (viii). Has been proclaimed a noxious weed or invasive plant in terms of Regulation 15 of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act of 1983;
  - (ix). Is considered to be dangerous and where pruning will not alleviate the problem.

2. Removal of street trees in the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality:

- (i). The fee for removing a street tree for an additional driveway will be determined by the size of the tree i.e. the diameter of the tree trunk one meter above ground level, as follows:

<b>Stem Diameter of Tree at 1m above Ground Level</b>	<b>Tariff (Including VAT)</b>
0 to 150 mm	<b>R 930.00</b>
150 to 300 mm	<b>R 1,850.00</b>
300 to 600 mm	<b>R 3,700.00</b>
> 600 mm	<b>R 7,700.00</b>

The removal of a tree for a driveway shall only be done on the recommendation of the department Infrastructure Services in consultation with, the department Environmental Development.

- (ii). The fee for removing any other tree not contemplated in 1 or 2(i) above will be charged to the applicant. The fee will be determined by the responsible horticulturist using the Helliwell System of Tree Evaluation (Approved under Item SR 35-2002, Council

Meeting 26 March 2002) plus the actual cost of removing the tree where this is necessary as by the size of the tree. (Refer to 2(i))

$A \times B \times C \times D \times E \times F \times G \times R =$  Total Value of Tree

Where:

A = size of tree;

B = useful life expectancy of tree;

C = importance of position of tree in landscape;

D = presence of other trees in the vicinity of the tree concerned;

E = aesthetics of the tree;

F = form of tree;

G = botanical value of tree;

R = 12 + 6.2%

Plus the actual cost of removing the tree where this is necessary, as determined by the size of the tree, see 2.(i) above.

- (iii). The application for the removal of a tree has to be motivated in writing to the Executive Director: Environmental Development for approval.
- (iv). The application for the removal of a tree for a driveway has to be accompanied by a site plan approved by the Executive Director: Infrastructure Services.
- (v). No tree on Council property may be removed except by the Division Metro Parks or a contractor approved by the department.
- (vi). The removal of a tree shall mean that portion of the tree above ground level including the roots up to 30 cm below ground level.
- (vii). The Helliwell System for the Evaluation of Trees as indicated in 2 (ii) above shall be used when charging a person with the illegal removal of a tree on Council property.
- (viii). The Division Metro Parks of the Department Environmental Development will not operate on private property or remove trees growing on private property.
- (ix). Ward Councillors will be informed when in the opinion of the Executive Director: Environmental Development it becomes necessary to remove any trees at a single locality within the Councillor's ward.
- (x) The Executive Director: Environmental Development in consultation with the City Manager are authorised to consider and finalise applications for exemption from tariffs from registered indigents or other applicants in dire need.

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