



SCHEDULE "17"

CITY OF EKURHULENI

TARIFFS: REMOVAL OF STREET TREES

In terms of the relevant legislation the City of Ekurhuleni at a meeting held on **25th June 2020**, resolved to amend its Tariffs for the Removal of Street Trees with effect from **1 July 2020** 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: Parks and Cemeteries of the department Environmental Resource and Waste Management 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 declared 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 City of Ekurhuleni:

- 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:

Stem Diameter of Tree at 1m above Ground Level	Tariffs for 2019/2020 (Including VAT)	New Tariffs for 2020/2021 (Including VAT)
0 to 150mm	R4,103	R4,103
150 to 300mm	R8,195	R8,195
300 to 600mm	R16,411	R16,411
> 600mm	R32,822	R32,822

The removal of a tree for a driveway shall only be done on the recommendation of the department Roads Services in consultation with the Division Parks and Cemeteries.

- ii. The fee for removing any other tree not contemplated in 1 or 2(i) above will be charged to the applicant. The value of the tree will be determined by the responsible horticulturist using the Helliwell System of Tree Evaluation approved by Council on 26 March 2002 (Item SR 35-2002) attached to this report as Annexure "A" **plus** the actual cost of removing the tree as determined by the size of the tree (see 2 (i) above).

$$A \times B \times C \times D \times E \times F \times G = \text{Total Value of Tree}$$

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;

Plus the actual cost of removing the tree as determined by the size of the tree i.e.:

	Tariffs for 2019/2020 (Including VAT)	New Tariffs for 2020/2021 (Including VAT)
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150 to 300mm	R8,195	R8,195
300 to 600mm	R16,411	R16,411
> 600mm	R32,822	R32,822

- 3) Conditions applicable for the Removal of Trees:
- i. The application for the removal of a tree **BE MOTIVATED** in writing to the Divisional Head: Parks and Cemeteries for approval.
 - ii. The application for the removal of a tree for a driveway **BE ACCOMPANIED** by a site plan approved by the Head of Department: Roads and Storm Water.
 - iii. No tree on Council property may **BE PRUNED OR REMOVED** by any department except by the Division: Parks and Cemeteries or by a contractor approved by the Division: Parks and Cemeteries.
 - iv. The removal of a tree **SHALL MEAN** that portion of the tree above ground level including the roots up to 30cm below ground level.
 - v. 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.
 - vi. The Division Parks and Cemeteries of the department Environmental Resource and Waste Management Services; **SHALL NOT OPERATE** on private property or remove trees growing on private property.
 - vii. Ward Councillors will be informed when in the opinion of the Divisional Head: Parks and Cemeteries it becomes necessary to remove a group of trees at a single locality within the Councillor's ward.
 - viii. The Head of Department: Environmental Resource and Waste Management in consultation with the City Manager **BE AUTHORIZED** to consider and finalise applications for exemption from tariffs from registered indigents or other applicants in dire need.

i. File:	5/5/1/13
Council Resolution:	SR 35/2002 dated 26 March 2002
Published:	Gauteng Provincial Gazette Number 146 dated 29 May 2002
Local Authority Notice:	686
Amended Council Resolution	A-ET (06-2007) 31 May 2007
Published:	Gauteng Provincial Gazette No 217 dd 15 August 2007

Local Authority Notice: Amended Council Resolution Published:	2041 A-F (26-2008) MC 29/05/2008 No 201 dd 6 August 2008
Local Authority Notice: Amended Council Resolution Published:	1759 A-F (23-2009) CM 28/05/2009 Gauteng Provincial Gazette Extra-Ordinary No. 144 dd 01 July 2009
Local Authority Notice: Amended Council Resolution Published:	1014 A-F (27-2010) CM 27/05/2010 Extra-Ordinary 123 dd 30 June 2010
Local Authority Notice: Amended Council Resolution Published:	891 A-F (27-2011) CM 20/04/2011 Extra-Ordinary 107 dd 01 June 2011
Local Authority Notice Council Resolution Published:	688 A-F (20a-20) CM 31 May 2012 Gauteng Provincial Gazette Extraordinary 159 dd 13 June 2012
Local Authority Notice Council Resolution Published:	766 A-F (30-2013) CM 30/05/2013 Gauteng Provincial Gazette Extraordinary 152 dd 10 June 2013
Local Authority Notice	731
Council Resolution Gauteng Provincial Gazette Local Authority Notice	A-F (17-2014) CM 29/05/2014 Extra-ordinary 134 dd 06 June 2014 713
Council Resolution Gauteng Provincial Gazette Local Authority Notice	A-F (13-2015) CM 28/05/2015 Extra-ordinary 229 dd 12 June 2015 1009
Council Resolution Gauteng Provincial Gazette Local Authority Notice	A-F (32-2016) CM 28/04/2016 Ordinary Gazette 215 dd 15 June 2016 915
Council Resolution Gauteng Provincial Gazette Local Authority Notice	A-F (17-2017) CM 25/05/2017 Ordinary Gazette 147 dd 21 June 2017 863
Council Resolution Gauteng Provincial Gazette Local Authority Notice	A-F (23-2018) CM 24/05/2018 Ordinary Gazette 198 dd 18 July 2018 1089
Council Resolution Gauteng Provincial Gazette Local Authority Notice	A-F (28-2019) CM 23/05/2019 Ordinary Gazette 200 dd 26 June 2019 1239
Council Resolution Gauteng Provincial Gazette Local Authority Notice	A-F (28-2020) CM 25/06/2020 Ordinary Gazette 138 dd 12 August 2020 828