

# POLICY : CELLULAR PHONES FOR COUNCILLORS

ITEM 14/2001  
CM 22.02.2001

CELLULAR PHONES FOR FULL-TIME COUNCILLORS  
(MC : 16 FEBRUARY 2001)

## RESOLVED:

- (a) **That** it **BE NOTED** that full time Councillors are paid a fixed line or cellular phone allowance of R250,00 per member per month;
- (b) **That** it **BE NOTED** that part time Councillors are paid an all inclusive allowance of R500,00 per member per month;
- (C) **That** it **BE NOTED** and approved that a service contract has been entered into for full-time Councillors;
- (d) **That** Council **RETAIN** the phone allowance of each Councillor for off-setting the costs of contracts calls made, as well as insurance fees;
- (e) **That** Council **INTERPRETS** the provisions of Notice R1326 dated 4 December 2000 regarding payments to mean payments for the calls made.
- (f) **That**, as a matter of urgency, inquiries **BE MADE** to the office of the Minister for Provincial and Local Government about the discrepancies in the allowances and that he be requested to review the legislation in this regard on grounds mentioned above and that he also be requested to indicate whether the amounts mentioned in (a) and (b) above are perks or allowances.

**The Democratic Alliance requested that their vote be recorded against the above-mentioned resolution**

ITEM CL 14-2002  
MC 31.01.2002

CELLULAR PHONES POLICY FOR COUNCILLORS  
(Item CL 401-2001 MC 06-12-2001)

## RESOLVED:

- (1) **That** the report on the provision of cellular phones to Councillors **BE NOTED**.
- (2) **That** no cellular phone allowance **BE PAID** to any Councillor for the use of his/her privately owned cellular telephone.
- (3) **That** Council **ONLY PROVIDE** cellular telephones to the Councillors elected to the following positions:
  - (i) Speaker.
  - (ii) Executive Mayor
  - (iii) Full-time Councillors (Mayoral Committee Members and Chief Whip)
- (4) **That** the cellular telephones in (3) above **BE PROVIDED** on the following basis as an interim measure, until such time when a cellular phone policy for councillors are developed:-
  - (a) Council enters into a service contract with a service provider to supply the instruments as well as the service.
  - (b) Council pays the basic monthly contract price plus the following maximum amount (Vat included) per month for call charges as an interim measure until such time when a cellular phone policy for councillors are developed:
    - (i) Executive Mayor : **R2 500,00** per month
    - (ii) Mayoral Committee Members, Speaker and Chief Whip of Council: : **R1 500,00** per month.

- (c) The Councillors are liable for all call charges above the amounts in (b) which charges will be deducted directly from his/her monthly salary and allowances or alternatively that proof of business calls be submitted if the above amounts are exceeded.
  - (d) Councillors will be responsible to pay an excess of **R500** if and when the instrument is damaged or lost.
- (5) **That** upon vacation of any of the offices in (3) above, the Councillor will immediately **RETURN** the cellular phone to the City Manager.
  - (6) **That** the City Manager, or his nominee, **BE AUTHORISED** to procure the cellular telephones in terms of Council's procurement policy.
  - (7) **That** the Finance Department, in consultation with the Corporate and Legal Services Department, **DEVELOP** a cellphones policy for Councillors specifically with regard to non-fulltime councillors and that the financial implications also **BE ASSESSED**.
  - (8) **That** the cellphones policy in (7) above **BE DEVELOPED** and **SUBMITTED** to the Mayoral Committee for consideration on or before 31 January 2002 and that Council pays a maximum of **R250,00** per month for call charges for the interim subject to the submission of a cellphones account

**(The DA Caucus requested that their abstention in respect of the above resolution be recorded.)**

**ITEM A-CL (11a-2003)      AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION CL 14-2002 ON CELLULAR PHONE POLICY FOR  
CM 29.05.2003              COUNCILLORS (MC 08-05-2003)**

**RESOLVED:**

1. **That** the contents of the report regarding The amendment of the Councils resolution in respect of Item CL 14-2002: Cellular Phone Policy for Councillors, dated 31 January 2002, **BE NOTED**.
2. **That** the Council's resolution under item CL 14-2002 of 31 January 2002, **BE AMENDED** in terms of (3) below.
3. **That** the cellular telephone accounts of all non-full-time Councillors **BE PAID** as a re-imbusement for actual costs as follows:
  - (a) A maximum of R350,00 for call charges for the 2003/2004 financial year.
  - (b) VAT on (a) above (calls).
  - (c) Subscription fees to a maximum of R265,00 (already paying R263,16 towards subscriptions): Provided that if the subscription includes call charges, the amount paid may not exceed the sum of paragraph (a) and (b) above.
  - (d) Insurance to a maximum of R65,00 (already paying R61,00).
  - (e) Itemized billing to a maximum of R20,00 (already paying R20,00).
4. **That** the payment of Councillors' accounts as proposed in 3 (a) to (d) **BE EFFECTIVE** from the first day of the month following the resolution.
5. **That** the payment of non-full-time Councillors accounts on the same basis as under item CL 14 2002 of 31 January 2002. as reflected in the report, **-BE CONDONED**.