



SCHEDULE “17”

TARIFFS: REMOVAL OF STREET TREES

In terms of the relevant legislation the City of Ekurhuleni at a meeting held on **28th May 2026**, resolved to amend its Tariffs for the Removal of Street Trees with effect from **01 July 2026** 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	Approved Tariffs for 2025/2026 (Including VAT)	Proposed Tariffs for 2026/2027 (Including VAT)
0 to 150mm	R5 117	R5 291
150 to 300mm	R10 222	R10 570
300 to 600mm	R20 471	R21 167
> 600mm	R40 941	R42 333

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.:

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- 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.