

5. NEW TARIFFS FOR ASSESMENT RATES

Description & Tariff for 2009/2010

5.1 **RESIDENTIAL** 2009/2010 6.00%
That the assessment rate of 0.0070 cent in the rand be increased to 0.0074 cent in the rand be levied on the market value of the property 0.0070 0.0074

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5.2 That the assessment rate of 0.0140 cent in the rand be increased to 0.0148 cent in the rand be levied on the market value of the property 0.0140 0.0148

5.3 **Exemptions, Rebates and Reductions on Rates**
That the following Exemptions, Rebates and Reductions on Rates be granted

5.3.1 **Expemtions**
The first R15,000 of the market value of all residential properties and of all properties used for multiple purposes, provided one or more components of such properties are used for residential purposes, is exempt from the payment of rates in terms of Section 17(1)(h) of the Property Rates Act. (Paragraph 7.5.1)

Property identified in terms of paragraph 7.5.2 to 7.5.8 of the Property Rates Policy.

5.3.2 **Rebates and Reductions**

5.3.2.1 **Indigents**

Indigents will be subsidized in accordance with the indigent policy adopted by Council and will not form part of a rebate in terms of the MPRA.

5.3.2.2 **Pensioners and Medical unfit applicant (disabled)**

Owners who qualify in terms of the criteria determined in this policy will be granted a rebate based on the tariff applicable on residential properties.

The maximum income and rebate on each category of income for the 2008/2009 financial year are determined as follows:

<u>Monthly household income</u>	<u>% Rebate</u>
R 0 to R 2,500	100%
R 2,500 to R 3,500	80%
R 3,500 to R 4,500	60%
R 4,500 to R 5,500	40%
R 5,500 to R 7,500	20%

5.3.2.3 **Agricultural rebate (Property used for Agricultural purposes)**

A 55% rebate will be granted to qualifying agricultural properties based on the extent of services supplied to such properties in general, and the contribution of agriculture to the local economy, in terms of subsection 3 (4) of the MPRA.

The percentage is based on the following criteria:

No municipal roads next to the property	7,5%
No municipal Sewerage to the property	7,5%
No municipal Electricity to the property	7,5%
No Refuse removal provided by the municipality	7,5%
No water is supplied by the municipality	20,0%
the contribution of agriculture to the local economy	5,0%

5.3.2.4 **Compulsary phasing in of rates on certain categories**

Rates levied on newly ratable property must be phased in over a period of three or four years depending on the ownership and use (category) of such property in terms of section 21 of the Act, subject to subsection (5)

- In the 2008/2009 financial year a rebate of 75%
- In the 2009/2010 financial year a rebate of 50%
- In the 2010/2011 financial year a rebate of 25%
- In the 2011/2012 financial year the rate will be payable without any rebate.