



**NGWATHE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DETERMINATION OF FEES, CHARGES AND TARIFFS
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD 2026/2027**

Notice is hereby given that, in terms of Sections 2, 7, 8 and 14 of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act 6 of 2004 ("the Act") and as amended, read with Sections 4(1)(c)(i) & (ii) and 11(3)(i) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 ("the Systems Act") and Section 24(2)(c)(i) of the Local Government: Municipal Financial Management Act 56 of 2003 ("the MFMA"), the Council of the **Ngwathe Local Municipality** during the Council sitting of the 27 May 2026, resolved to consider the following fees, tariffs and charges for implementation with effect from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027. All tariffs include 15% VAT except where indicated.

The following percentage increase was considered and approved:

a) Water Supply	3.7%
b) Electricity	11% (pending actual NERSA Approval)
c) Sewerage	3.7%
d) Refuse	3.7%
e) Rates and Taxes	Revised tariffs in line with new GVR (With rebates of 10% residential, 5% on business, 5% on Industrial and 40% on PBO)
f) Cemeteries	3.7%
g) Hall	3.7%
h) All Other Sundries	3.7%

NB: 50kWh of electricity and 6kl of water will be provided only to approved registered indigent households.

Indigent Policy

- Category A – R 6 000.00 of the total gross income per month of all occupants over 18 years: (Full subsidized services on the municipal account) to accommodate two state pensioners.
- Category B – R 6 000.00 of the total gross income per month of all occupants over 18 years (will receive a rebate of R 200.00 per month if the market value of the household property is and above R1, 5million).

The Council of the Ngwathe Local Municipality hereby declares its intention that the following rates in the Rand are to be levied for the financial year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, on the market value of property or on the market value of a right in land within the area of jurisdiction of the Council as appearing in the valuation roll, in respect of the various categories of properties set out below:

CATEGORY	RATES	TARIFF CODES	EXEMPTIONS, REDUCTIONS & REBATES
Residential	0.0142	VA001	A total rebate of R30 000 will be granted on the value of the property (R15 000 impermissible according to the Municipal Property Act plus a further R15 000 according to the municipality's Property Rates Policy)
Golf Island Towns		VA001	
Business and Commercial	0.0260	VA002	A maximum of reduction in line with Property Rates Policy will be granted
Industrial	0.0158	VA011	A maximum of reduction in line with Property Rates Policy will be granted (5% reduction)
Mining	0.0247	VA009	No rebates
Agriculture	0.0035	VA003	25% of the residential tariff. Any rebates will be granted in line with the Property Rates Policy
Properties owned by an Organ of the State and used for Public Service Purpose	0.0260	VA008	No rebates
Public Service Infrastructure	0.0035	VA010	Any rebates will be granted in line with amended Rates Act of 2014

Properties owned by Public Benefit Organization and used for Specified Public Benefit Activities	0.0156	VA006	Any rebates will be granted in line with amended Rates Act of 2014
Vacant Stand	0.0207	VA000	A total rebate of R30 000 will be granted on the value of the property (R15 000 impermissible according to the Municipal Property Act plus a further R15 000 according to the municipality's Property Rates Policy)
Municipal	0.0001	VA005	Exempted/Zero rated
Place of Worship	0.0001	VA015	Exempted/Zero rated

EXEMPTIONS, REDUCTIONS ANF REBATES:

Exemptions, Reductions and Rebates will be granted to the different categories of properties and owners as follows:

Different Categories of Properties

Residential Properties

All residential properties with a market value of less than the amount as annually determined by the municipality are exempted from paying rates.

For 2026/2027 financial year the maximum reduction is determined as R30 000.00.

The impermissible rates of R 15 000.00 contemplated in terms of section 17(1) (h) of Property Rates Act is included in the amount referred to above as annually determined by the municipality.

The remaining R 15 000.00 is an important part of the Council's Property Rates policy and is aimed primarily at alleviating poverty.

Indigent Owners

Owners who qualify and who are registered an indigent will receive indigent subsidy in term of the Indigent Policy.

Child Headed Families

Families headed by children with monthly income not exceeding R 6 000.00 will receive a 100% rebate of municipal services.

Retired and Disabled Persons Rate Rebates

Retired and disabled Persons, not registered as indigents, qualify for special rebates according to monthly household income as follows;

- R 0.00 to R 6 000.00 per month - 100 % rebate
- R 6 001.00 to R 6 250.00 per month - 60 % rebate
- R 6 251.00 to R 9 650.00 per month - 30 % rebate
- R 9 651.00 to R 10 270.00 per month - 15 % rebate

The pensioners residing at area where there are special negotiated tariffs with Council or tariff prescribed by law do not qualify for indigent and pensioner's rebate.

Business and Industrial Properties

The municipality will grant rebates to rateables enterprises that promote local, social and economic development in its are of jurisdiction Maximum rebate for the 2026/2027 financial year, has been determined at 5 % for Businesses and 5% for Industrial.

Public Benefit Organizations (PBO's)

Taking into account the effects of rates on PBOs performing a specific public benefit activity and if registered in terms of the Income Tax Act, 1962 (No 58 of 1962) for tac reduction because of those activities, Public Benefit Organizations may apply for the exemption or reduction of property rates to up to **40%**. Application should be submitted by the end of August 2026 on a prescribed form.

Public Service Infrastructure and Agricultural Property Rebates

The municipality will apply the standard ratio for agricultural properties as promulgated by the Minister **1:0.25 (75% rebate for residential properties)**.

Public / Residents / Businesses / NGO's / Rates Payers are also informed the budget documents and tariff list are available for inspection during office hours at the municipal offices as well as on the municipal website at www.ngwathe.fs.gov.za. Further clarity regarding these documents can be submitted to the office of the Chief Financial Officer by no later than 12h00 on Monday 30th June 2026.

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