



**CREDIT CONTROL AND DEBT COLLECTION  
BY-LAWS**

**2018/2019 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**MIDVAAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITY  
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Date of Commencement: 1 July 2018

**Bylaw**

To give effect to the implementation of the Midvaal Local Municipality's Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

**Preamble**

WHEREAS the Midvaal Local Municipality has adopted a Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy on 1 July 2018;

AND WHEREAS section 98 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), requires a municipal council to adopt bylaws to give effect to the municipality's credit control and debt collection policy;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Council of the Midvaal Local Municipality, as follows:

**1. Definitions**

In this By-Law any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall bear the same meaning in these bylaws, and unless the context indicates otherwise —

“**Act**” means the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), as amended from time to time;

“**Council**” means the Council of the Midvaal Local Municipality; and

“**rate**” or “**rates**” means a rate on property and or services as approved by council.

## **2. Objective of the Bylaw**

The objective of this bylaw is to —

- i. ensure that all monies due and payable to the Council are collected;
- ii. provide for customer management, credit control procedures and mechanisms and debt collection procedures and mechanisms;
- iii. provide for indigents in a way that is consistent with rates and tariff policies and any national policy on indigents;
- iv. provide for extension of time for payment of accounts;
- v. provide for charging of interest on arrears, where appropriate;
- vi. provide for termination of services or the restriction of the provision of services when payments are in the arrears;
- vii. provide for matters relating to unauthorised consumption of services, theft and damages.

## **3. Application of By-law**

This bylaw shall only apply to money due and payable to the Council for —

- (a) Assessment rates and taxes levied on the property
- (b) Fees, surcharges on fees, charges and tariffs in respect of municipal services, such as —
  - i. provision of water;
  - ii. refuse removal;
  - iii. sewerage;
  - iv. removal and purification of sewerage;
  - v. electricity consumption;
  - vi. municipal services provided through prepaid meters.
  - vii. all other related costs for services rendered in terms of the property

- viii. interest which has accrued or will accrue in respect of money due and payable to the Council;
- ix. collection charges in those cases where the Council is responsible for
  - (aa) the rendering of municipal accounts in respect of any one or more of the municipal services;
  - (bb) the recovery of amounts due and payable in respect thereof.

#### **4. Short title and commencement**

This By-law is the Credit control and Debt collection Bylaw, and takes effect on 1 July 2018.