

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FIREFIGHTING LEVY

Dear Taxpayer / Consumer

During the budget process, Kannaland Municipality communicated to the public and other beneficiaries in each ward, the total scope of municipal service provision in terms of the municipal budget, inclusive of the firefighting levy. Enquiries have shown that there is some uncertainty regarding the firefighting levy and so it is once again communicated to you:

1. The Municipality is currently establishing a firefighting capacity within the Municipality as required by law.
2. The successful establishment of such a service will place the municipality in a position to provide a service to the residents of Kannaland, independent of the Garden Route District Municipality.
3. Establishing the fire service levy is essential for funding such a service.
4. The service is currently operating within and from Ladismith but will soon be extended to the other towns within the Municipality and is focused on extinguishing structural fires.
5. The proposed fire levy will inter alia fund the following:
 - Establishment of a fire-fighting capacity in all towns within the Municipality (Vehicles, equipment and personnel);
 - Training and sensitising communities regarding firefighting; and
 - Fire inspections at institutions and businesses.
6. The establishment of a firefighting function for the Municipality is an absolute necessity in order to protect the safety and property of residents and it is trusted that you will understand the imposition of this levy.

Your sincerely

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DIE INSTEL VAN 'N BRANDWEER HEFFING

Geagte Belastingbetaler / Verbruiker

Kannaland Munisipaliteit het tydens die begrotingsproses in elke wyk, die totale omvang van munisipale dienslewering, met inbegrip van die brandweerheffing, ingevolge die munisipale begroting aan die publiek en ander behebbendes gekommunikeer. Uit navrae blyk dit dat daar onduidelikheid is rakende die brandweerheffing en word dit dus weereens aan u voorgehou:

1. Die Munisipaliteit is tans besig om soos wetlik vereis word 'n brandbestrydingskapasiteit binne die Munisipaliteit te vestig.
2. Die suksesvolle vestiging van sodanige diens sal die munisipaliteit in 'n posisie plaas om 'n diens aan die inwoners van Kannaland te lewer, onafhanklik van Tuinroete Distriksmunisipaliteit.
3. Die instel van die brandweerheffing is noodsaaklik vir die befondsing van sodanige diens.
4. Die diens word tans binne en vanaf Ladismith bedryf, maar sal spoedig ook uitgebrei word na die ander dorpe binne die Munisipaliteit en is gefokus op die blus van strukturele brande.
5. Die ingestelde brandweerheffing befonds onder andere die volgende:
 - Die vestiging van 'n brandweerkapasiteit binne alle dorpe binne die Munisipaliteit (Voertuie, toerusting en personeel);
 - Opleiding en sensitering van gemeenskappe ten aansien van brandbestryding; en
 - Brand inspeksies by instellings en besighede.
6. Die instelling van 'n brandweerefunksie vir die Munisipaliteit is 'n absolute noodsaaklikheid ten einde die veiligheid en eiendom van inwoners te beskerm en dit word vertrou dat u begrip sal hê vir die instelling van hierdie heffing.

Vriendelike groete

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