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REMUNERATION OF PUBLIC OFFICE BEARERS ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 20 OF 1998)

**DETERMINATION OF UPPER LIMITS OF SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND
BENEFITS OF DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILS**

Under the powers vested in me by sections 7(1), 8(5)(a) and 9(5)(a) of the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers Act, 1998 (Act No. 20 of 1998), I, Fholisani Sydney Mufamadi, Minister for Provincial and Local Government, hereby-

- (a) after consultation with the member of the Executive Council responsible for local government in each province; and
- (b) after taking into consideration the matters listed in paragraphs (a) to (i) of section 7(1) of that Act;

determine the upper limits of the salaries, allowances and benefits of the different members of municipal councils as set out in the Schedule with effect from 8 March 2006 in respect of that municipal council, and repeal Government Notice No. R. 1125 of 14 November 2005 with effect from the same date.

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MINISTER FOR PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SCHEDULE

PREAMBLE

The salary and allowances of a member of a municipal council is determined by that municipal council by resolution of a supporting vote of a majority of its members, in consultation with the member of the Executive Council responsible for local government in the province concerned, having regard to the upper limits as set out hereunder, the financial year of municipal councils, and the affordability of municipal councils to pay within the different levels of remuneration, to councillors.

Definitions

1. In this Schedule, unless the context otherwise indicates, a word or phrase to which a meaning has been assigned in the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers Act, 1998 (Act No. 20 of 1998) (hereafter "the Act") and the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998) (hereafter "the Structures Act"), has that meaning and -

"full-time councillor" means a councillor who has been elected or appointed to an office which has been designated as full-time in terms of section 18(4) of the Structures Act;

"grade" means the grade of municipal council as determined in terms of item 4;

"municipal income" means in respect of a metropolitan, local or district municipality the sum total of the revenue income for the 2004/2005 financial year of the municipality concerned, including rates on property, fees for services rendered by the municipality, or on its behalf by a municipal entity, together with surcharges, other authorised taxes, levies and duties, income from fines for traffic offences and contravention of municipal by-laws or legislation assigned to the local sphere of government, regional services and regional establishment levies (or its replacement) referred to in section 93(6) of the Structures Act, interest earned on invested funds, rental for the use of municipal movable or immovable property, amounts received as agent for other spheres of government, but excluding transfers and / or grants from the national fiscus;

"out of pocket expenses" means actual and necessary expenses incurred by a councillor which have been specifically authorised or which are provided for in terms of the municipality's policy, in connection with a specific official or ceremonial duty which has been delegated to the councillor in question;

"part-time councillor" means a councillor other than a full-time councillor;

"population" means the latest available official statistics of the population residing in the area of jurisdiction of a local municipality or metropolitan municipality, as determined by the Statistician-General in terms of the Statistics Act, 1999 (Act No. 6 of 1999); and

"total remuneration package" is the total cost to a municipality of a basic salary component, a travelling allowance as provided in items 6(a) and 9(a), a housing allowance as provided in items 6(b) and 9(a), the municipal contribution to a pension fund as provided in item 11(a) and the municipal contribution to a medical aid as provided in item 11(b) to a councillor in a municipal financial year.

Allocation of number of points for total municipal income

2. The number of points allocated for the total municipal income of a municipality is as follows:

TOTAL MUNICIPAL INCOME		NUMBER OF POINTS
R0	R 10,000,000	8.33
R 10,000,001	R 50,000,000	16.67
R 50,000,001	R 200,000,000	25.00
R 200,000,001	R 1,500,000,000	33.33
R 1,500,000,001	R 2,000,000,000	41.67
More than R 2,000,000,000		50.00

Allocation of number of points for total population

3. The number of points allocated for the total population within a municipality, is as follows:

TOTAL POPULATION		NUMBER OF POINTS
0	50,000	8.33
50,001	100,000	16.67
100,001	250,000	25.00
250,001	550,000	33.33
550,001	1,800,000	41.67
More than 1,800,000		50.00

Determination of grade of municipal council

4.(a) The sum of the number of points allocated to a municipal council, other than a municipal council referred to in paragraph (b), in terms of items 2 and 3 respectively, determines the grade of such municipal council in accordance with the following table:

GRADE OF MUNICIPALITY	POINTS
1	0 to 16.66
2	16.67 to 33.33
3	33.34 to 50.00
4	50.01 to 66.67
5	66.68 to 83.35
6	83.36 and above

(b) A council that does not have any municipal income is a grade 1 municipal council as envisaged in paragraph (a).

Upper limits of the annual total remuneration packages of full-time councillors

5. The upper limit of the annual total remuneration package of a full-time councillor is as follows:

GRADE	MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE MAYOR			SPEAKER, DEPUTY MAYOR OR DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR			MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR MAYORAL COMMITTEE, WHIP OR CHAIRPERSON OF A SUB-COUNCIL		
	BASIC SALARY	MOTOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCE	TOTAL REMUNERATION	BASIC SALARY	MOTOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCE	TOTAL REMUNERATION	BASIC SALARY	MOTOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCE	TOTAL REMUNERATION
6	510,114	170,038	680,152	408,092	136,030	544,122	382,586	127,528	510,114
5	374,953	124,984	499,937	299,963	99,987	399,950	281,215	93,738	374,953
4	320,109	106,702	426,811	256,087	85,362	341,449	240,081	80,027	320,108
3	308,293	102,764	411,057	246,635	82,211	328,846	231,220	77,073	308,293
2	288,671	96,223	384,894	230,937	76,978	307,915	216,504	72,167	288,671
1	280,259	93,419	373,678	224,207	74,735	298,942	210,195	70,064	280,259

Upper limits of the allowances of full-time councillors

6. The upper limits of the allowances of a full-time councillor, which form part of the total remuneration package, are as follows:

(a) Travelling allowance:

- (i) An allowance of not more than 25% of the annual total remuneration package of a councillor concerned as determined in terms of item 5, and which allowance includes running and maintenance costs incurred on official business up to 500 kilometres per month;
- (ii) In addition to the allowance referred to in subparagraph (i), and in addition to the annual total remuneration package of a councillor as determined in terms of item 5, official distances travelled in excess of 500 kilometres in a particular month may be claimed in accordance with the applicable tariffs prescribed by the Department of Transport for the use of privately owned vehicles;
- (iii) For the purposes of claiming running and maintenance allowances, a logbook acceptable to the South African Revenue Service reflecting the official and private kilometres travelled per month must be kept;
- (iv) Where a municipal council makes a vehicle available to a councillor, other than an executive mayor or mayor where applicable, for use on official business, the councillor would not be entitled to the motor vehicle allowance as provided for in paragraphs (i) and (ii), and as determined in terms of item 5.
- (v) Nothing herein contained shall prevent a councillor from making use of a council owned vehicle for attendance at a specific function which that councillor has been delegated to attend.

(b) Housing allowance:

A councillor may structure their total remuneration package to include a housing allowance.

(c) Out of pocket expenses:

In addition to the total remuneration package, a councillor must be reimbursed for actual out of pocket expenses incurred during the execution of official and ceremonial duties.

Upper limit of remuneration or allowance in respect of appointed councillors

7. The upper limit of the allowance of a councillor who has been appointed to a district council in terms of section 23(1)(b) of the Structures Act, is as follows:

(a) If such councillor is elected or appointed as speaker, mayor, executive mayor, member of a mayoral committee, member of an executive committee or part-time member of a district council, the upper limit of the remuneration to which such councillor is entitled, is equal to the difference between the total remuneration package he or she is receiving as a member of the local council and the total remuneration package allocated to that office in the district council in terms of items 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 as the case may be.

(b) If the upper limit of the total remuneration package which a councillor is receiving as a member of a local council is equal to or higher than the upper limit of the total remuneration package to which he or she is entitled to as an appointed councillor to the district council, such councillor is entitled to receive, in addition to the total remuneration package, an allowance of not more than R521.00 *per sitting* of the district council or any committee of that council: Provided that this allowance is limited to R521.00 per day, regardless of the number of meetings of the district council or committees of that council that are attended by such councillor on a specific day.

(c) A district council is responsible for –

- (i) the payment of the remuneration or the allowance referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) respectively; and
- (ii) the reimbursement of travel expenditure incurred by a councillor during the performance of official functions on behalf of that district municipality, in terms of that district council's policy, and not exceeding the applicable tariffs prescribed by the Department of Transport for the use of privately owned vehicles.

Upper limits of the annual total remuneration packages of part-time councillors

8. (1) The upper limit of the annual total remuneration package of a part-time councillor is as follows:

	MAYOR/ EXECUTIVE MAYOR			SPEAKER, DEPUTY MAYOR OR DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR			MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR MAYORAL COMMITTEE			OTHER PART-TIME MEMBERS		
	BASIC SALARY	MOTOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCE	TOTAL REMUNERATION	BASIC SALARY	MOTOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCE	TOTAL REMUNERATION	BASIC SALARY	MOTOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCE	TOTAL REMUNERATION	BASIC SALARY	MOTOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCE	TOTAL REMUNERATION
6	280,563	93,521	374,084	224,451	74,816	299,267	210,423	70,140	280,563	178,540	59,513	238,053
5	206,224	68,741	274,965	164,979	54,993	219,972	154,668	51,556	206,224	112,486	37,495	149,981
4	176,060	58,686	234,746	140,848	46,949	187,797	132,045	44,015	176,060	96,033	32,010	128,043
3	169,561	56,520	226,081	135,649	45,216	180,865	127,171	42,390	169,561	92,488	30,829	123,317
2	158,769	52,923	211,692	127,015	42,338	169,353	119,077	39,692	158,769	86,601	28,867	115,468
1	154,143	51,380	205,523	123,314	41,104	164,418	115,607	38,535	154,142	84,078	28,025	112,103

Upper limits of the allowances of part-time councillors

9. The upper limits of the allowances of a part-time councillor, which form part of the total remuneration package, are as follows:

(a) Travelling allowance:

- (i) An allowance of not more than 25% of the annual total remuneration package of a councillor concerned as determined in terms of item 8, and which allowance includes running and maintenance costs incurred on official business up to 500 kilometres per month;
- (ii) In addition to the allowance referred to in subparagraph (i), and in addition to the annual total remuneration package of a councillor as determined in terms of item 8, official distances travelled in excess of 500 kilometres in a particular month may be claimed in accordance with the applicable tariffs prescribed by the Department of Transport for the use of privately owned vehicles;
- (iii) For the purposes of claiming running and maintenance allowances, a logbook acceptable to the South African Revenue Service reflecting the official and private kilometres travelled per month must be kept;

(iv) Where a municipal council makes a vehicle available to a councillor, other than an executive mayor or a mayor where applicable, for use on official business, the councillor would not be entitled to the motor vehicle allowance as provided for in subparagraphs (i) and (ii), and as determined in terms of item 8; and

(v) Nothing herein contained shall prevent a councillor from making use of a council owned vehicle for attendance at a specific function which that councillor has been delegated to attend.

(b) Housing allowance:

A councillor may structure their total remuneration package to include a housing allowance.

(c) Out of pocket expenses:

In addition to the total remuneration package, a councillor must be reimbursed for reasonable and actual out of pocket expenses incurred during the execution of official and ceremonial duties.

Upper limits of cellphone allowances of councillors

10. In addition to the annual total remuneration packages provided for in items 5 and 8 respectively, a councillor may obtain a fixed allowance of not more than the following amounts in respect of cellphones:

(a) R2115.00 per month may be paid to a full-time executive mayor or mayor of a grade 6 municipal council;

(b) R1057.00 per month may be paid to a full-time councillor, other than an executive mayor or mayor of a grade 6 municipal council; or

(c) **R660.00** per month may be paid to a part-time councillor.

Upper limits of pension fund contributions and medical aid benefits of councillors

11. (a) The upper limit of the contribution to be made by a municipal council to the pension fund of which a councillor of that council is a member, is 15% of the basic salary of such councillor as provided in item 5 or 8.

(b) The upper limit of the contribution to be made by a municipal council to the medical aid scheme of which a councillor of that council is a member, is $\frac{2}{3}$ of the membership fee to a maximum of R1014.00 per month: Provided that a part-time councillor is not a member of a medical aid scheme by virtue of his or her employment in a capacity other than a councillor.