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TARIFFS APPLICABLE TO HEILBRON/PHIRITONA RESIDENTS FOR THE PERIOD 5 NOVEMBER 2026 TO 30 JUNE 2027

Metsimaholo Local Municipality informs all residents, property owners and consumers in Heilbron, Phiritona and the surrounding areas that, following the incorporation of these areas into the municipal area of Metsimaholo Local Municipality, the tariffs applicable for the remainder of the 2026/2027 financial year will remain as previously approved by Ngwathe Local Municipality.

In terms of Section 21 of the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998 (Act No. 27 of 1998), the Municipal Demarcation Board re-determined the municipal boundaries of Ngwathe Local Municipality (FS203) and Metsimaholo Local Municipality (FS204), resulting in the exclusion of Heilbron, Phiritona and the surrounding farms from the municipal area of Ngwathe Local Municipality and their incorporation into the municipal area of Metsimaholo Local Municipality.

The Municipality wishes to clarify that municipal tariffs are determined and approved annually by Council as part of the municipal budget process. Furthermore, Section 28(6) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003), provides that municipal taxes and tariffs may not be increased during a financial year, except where such an increase is required in terms of a financial recovery plan.

Consequently, Metsimaholo Local Municipality will continue applying the tariffs previously approved by Ngwathe Local Municipality for Heilbron, Phiritona and the affected surrounding areas for the

remainder of the 2026/2027 financial year. This arrangement will ensure continuity and consistency in the application of tariffs following the boundary re-determination and incorporation process.

The applicable tariffs will remain in force until **30 June 2027**. Any revised tariffs applicable from **1 July 2027** will be considered and approved by Metsimaholo Local Municipality Council as part of the 2027/2028 financial year budget process, in accordance with the section 21 of the Municipal Finance Management Act.

The Municipality appreciates the cooperation and understanding of all affected residents and consumers during this transition.

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