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New Street Names Committee for Knysna

A policy in respect of street naming and numbering has been compiled by the Knysna Municipality Street Names Committee. “Wherever possible, all streets in the greater Knysna municipal area should have street names and all properties that have erf numbers should have street numbers,” said Knysna Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans.

“This policy, enforced by the committee, will ensure that street names are not duplicated within the same town and that names are not offensive,” she continued. “The policy also governs various other aspects with regards to naming new streets, ensuring that this is done in line with national policies and without creating any confusion. It is also concerned with street numbering regulations.”

Highlights of the policy include that private developers submitting applications that involve the creation of new streets, must include proposals for street names which must comply with the rules set out in the policy. “The Ward Councillor for the ward in which the relevant street or streets is situated, will sit on the committee,” said Wolmarans. “And the committee will not take a decision on any street name without formal consultation with the relevant Ward Committee.”

The policy also allows for any person to approach the office of the Municipal Manager with a request or suggestion for the change of an existing street name. Acting Municipal Manager Grant Easton explained that strict regulations would apply in such a case. “As such changes are potentially disruptive, confusing and costly to implement, there must be a sound reason for the suggested change and the applicant must therefore provide a full and detailed motivation for the change.”

“The applicant must also undertake to cover the costs associated with the change, or suggest a feasible source from which to obtain funding,” Easton continued. “Alternatively they must deliver a clear, logical and convincing motivation for the expenditure of Council funds. After these requirements have been met, the application will still be processed by the committee; who will then make a recommendation to Council to either adopt or reject the proposed change.”

Developers submitting applications that involve the creation of new properties must include proposals for street numbers for every new property. “These proposals must also comply with the rules as set out in the policy,” said Wolmarans. “We are confident that the establishment of this committee and policy will streamline the allocation of street names and numbers, making it a hassle-free process for applicants. This step towards improving our service delivery is testament to our commitment to creating a town where people and nature prosper.”

The full policy containing all rules and stipulations is obtainable from the office of the Manager Communications and Customer Relations, at communications@knysna.gov.za.

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