

Amended Knysna Roads & Traffic Bylaw to regulate car guards

Knysna Municipality's recently amended Roads & Traffic Bylaw mandates the Department: Law Enforcement with managing and coordinating car guards within the municipal area.

Acting Municipal Manager Dr Michele Gratz explained that the bylaw was reviewed during 2018, specifically to include a chapter clarifying the management of car guards. "The Directorate: Community Services has subsequently identified dedicated law enforcement officers to coordinate this project and regulate the car guards in Greater Knysna. The department will also ensure that all car guards are vetted by the South African Police Services (SAPS).

"Car guards who have been cleared by SAPS will be identified by a red bib with identification tags, which is compulsory attire while working," she continued. "Any car guard who does not heed lawful instructions will be removed from the project."

"The car guard situation is always a subject for heated discussion among our residents, but we received no comments on these proposed amendments during the public participation process held in 2018. As such, the amended bylaw has been approved by Council and will be promulgated in the Western Cape Government Gazette."

"Should you have any complaints regarding a car guard wearing an official bib, please bring them to the attention of our law enforcement department," she concluded. "The car guards are being managed to keep a lawful eye on your vehicle, but never leave valuables in clear view in your car, and always remain vigilant and aware of your surroundings wherever you park."

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