



## Public Notice

### Amnesty Notice: Unlawful and Unauthorised Land Use and Building Activities

Notice is hereby given to all members of the public, who reside within the Abaqulusi Local municipal area of jurisdiction to be well informed about the amnesty period provided by the Council to ensure compliance and the legal procedures to follow for any planned or existing unlawful development or land use activity or ongoing building construction, as well as the negative corrective measures that the Municipality may or will institute against any person or party who fails to comply with the stipulated procedures.

This notice applies to all three (3) service areas within the Vryheid Town Planning Scheme, namely: Vryheid Town, Lakeside (Extension 10) and Edel Park.

This notice is served within the framework of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (16 of 2013) read with the Abaqulusi Local Municipality Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-law, National Building Regulations and Standards Act (103 of 1977) as well with the Vryheid Town Planning Scheme. To avoid any legal action taken by the Municipality in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act (51 of 1977 as amended) against any party who fails to comply (which can also be a possible fine, a halt or demolition of illegal building work, and in worst cases possible imprisonment). It is important that the following Municipal Development Planning and Building Guidelines be adhered to:

#### The Public Duties and Responsibilities:

##### 1. Submission of Applications

- All planned land development or land use applications must be submitted to the Municipality as the authority of first instance
- All land owners currently operating or exercising illegal land use activities or developments must submit relevant applications to the municipality before 30 September 2017 for authorisation
- Failure to submit the required application will constitute non-compliance with the law.

##### 2. Submission of Building Plans

- Building plans are to be submitted to the local authority for all building work that is to be erected
- All land owners currently occupying or constructing unauthorised building work must submit building plans to the Municipality before 30 September 2017 for approval
- Failure to submit building plans will constitute non-compliance to the law.

#### The Municipality's Duties and Responsibilities:

##### 1. Land Development or Land Use Applications and Building Plans

- Scrutinising and approval of land development or land use applications and building plans.

##### 2. Enforcement

Routine inspections are to be conducted in order to ensure compliance. These include:

- Illegal development or land use and building occupations
- Legislation and compliance.

##### 3. Enforcement Measures

- Issuing of contravention notices
- Issuing of fines to offenders of the said Acts
- Direct summons to appear in Court of Law.

All residents implicated in the above matter must contact the Town Planning Department during normal office hours (Mon - Thurs 07:30-16:30 and Fri 07:30-13:30) or enquiries relating to this publication can be directed to the Manager: Town Planning at (034) 982-2133 ext 2259, PO Box 57, Vryheid 3100 or e-mail: [sbuthlezi@abaqulusi.gov.za](mailto:sbuthlezi@abaqulusi.gov.za) and [records@abaqulusi.gov.za](mailto:records@abaqulusi.gov.za) Persons or parties failing to adhere within the said amnesty period will render the Municipality to institute legal actions taken against them.

Acting Municipal Manager

Notice: 25/2017