## Dipaleseng Municipality



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## TO ALL HONOURABLE MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS

06 June 2022

Dear Honourable Councillors.

APPEAL TO UPHOLD PROVISION 12A OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS AMONGST OTHERS: URGENT REQUEST TO SETTLE YOUR MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS IN ARREARS

- 1. The above matter bears reference.
- 2. Pursuant to your assumption of duty as a Councillor of Dipaleseng Local Municipality, please be advised that you automatically became subject custodian of all applicable laws and policies applicable to local government including but not limited to the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act of 2000 (Act 32 of 2000).
- 3. Further to the above, please be advised of Provision 12A of Schedule 1 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors of the aforementioned Act demands that:

"A councillor may not be in arrears to the municipality for the rates and service charges for a period longer than 3 months".

- 4. In the context of Dipaleseng Municipality, we have witnessed a flattering revenue collection rate far below the expected norm which continues to erode the financial coffers and place undue pressure on our financial budget thus limiting the municipality from performing it constitutional mandatory functions (i.e. rendering of basic municipal services).
- 5. We therefore wish to appeal to you as custodian and respected political leaders of the institution, to uphold the above Provision of the Act amongst others. In this regard, we advise that for those whose municipal accounts are in arrears to urgently make the necessary payment arrangements with the Department of Budget and Treasury before the end of June 2022.

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- 6. Failure to heed the above appeal, the municipality will be left with no alternative, but to invoke the full provisions of the Act.
- 7. Your utmost cooperation and leadership to the above is demanded.

Mr L. Cindi

Yours faithfully

Acting Municipal Manager

(Date)