

City of Johannesburg Council 2021-03-24/25

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15 AMENDMENT OF TARIFF OFF CHARGES FOR JOHANNESBURG ROADS AGENCY FOR 2021/2022

1 STRATEGIC THRUST

Service Excellence and Good Governance.

2 OBJECTIVE

To table amendment of tariffs for Johannesburg Roads Agency for various services provided by the JRA, with effect from 1 July 2021.

3 SUMMARY

The Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) charges tariffs for various services rendered such as street encroachments, plotted maps, road closures, traffic counts and tender documents.

The increases in the tariffs proposed are in general related to the increase in the cost of providing the service and are approximately in line with inflation rates. The percentage increase in tariffs for 2021/22 is set at 4.3% by the COJ (refer Annexure C).

The details of the relevant services are as follows:

- (1) **Street Encroachments:** Certain building structures encroach into the road reserve. Typical examples are balconies. The JRA is still responsible for maintaining the relevant sidewalk underneath although the owner has the benefit to use the overhead space protruding into the road reserve. The maintenance work is done on an annual basis by the Johannesburg Roads Agency as part of the day to day maintenance activities of the JRA. The tariffs are adjusted annually to allow for general increases in costs at 4,3%.
- (2) **Maps provided by the JRA GIS Section:** The JRA provides maps of servitudes, as built drawings of road infrastructure, copies of aerial photographs, township layouts, etc. The maps can be plotted (printed) on paper or it is provided in electronic format. The proposed increases are in line with general cost increases of providing the service at 4.3%.
- (3) **Reinstatements and Wayleaves:** Any service provider installing a service in the road reserve must apply for a wayleave (or approval) from the JRA. The application process as well as the final approval requires certain actions of the JRA. The tariffs proposed make allowance for recovery of

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costs of the JRA to provide these services. In certain cases, the service provider requests the JRA to reinstate the road surface. The Wayleave Policy allows for the JRA to charge for such reinstatements to be carried out in the road reserve. The increase is set at 4,3%.

- (4) Legal: The tariffs are mainly for copying documents. The tariff increases allow for cost increases at 4.3%.
- (5) Traffic Counting: Consulting engineers often approach the JRA to obtain copies of traffic counts already undertaken by the JRA or to request the JRA to do new traffic surveys. The tariff increase has been set by COJ during the Medium Term Budget at 4,3%.
- (6) Tender Documents: The tariffs are for cost recovery to produce tender documents and the increases are about 4,3%.
- (7) Road Closure: The tariffs are for Road Closure applications and the increases are proposed at approximately 4,3%.

These tariffs charged by JRA were last reviewed by Council on 29 May 2020 and were implemented on 1 July 2020 and the anticipated average inflation rate was given by the City of Johannesburg Budget Office.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The tariffs were set per the City of Johannesburg Tariff Policy. They are based on inflation of 4,3%.

5 LEGAL CONSTITUTIONAL IMPLICATIONS

The tariffs are in compliance with Johannesburg Road Agency by-laws.

The City of Johannesburg is authorised in terms of Sections 11(3)(l) and 75A (1) and (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000, read with Section 24(2)(c)(ii) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003, to levy and amend tariffs of charges in respect of any function or service of the municipality.

It should though be kept in mind that by Section 28 (6) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) once the new tariffs have been determined in respect of the 2021/22 financial year, it may not be further increased during that financial year, except when required in terms of a financial recovery plan as contemplated in the Act.

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6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

... It is estimated that the proposed increase of the tariff's shown in Annexure "A" will generate an estimated additional income of R500 000 per annum. All income accrued because of these tariffs are for JRA and provision for this additional income is included in the draft operating budget for income in 2021/22 financial year. The tariffs are inclusive of VAT.

The advertising costs of the tariff changes are borne by the City of Johannesburg, as all City and Entity tariffs are advertised together.

7 ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no Economic implications.

8 COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS

The relevant information regarding the amended tariffs will be communicated to all role players in the manner prescribed by law.

IT IS RECOMMENDED

- 1 That, in terms of Sections 11(3)(i) and 75A (1) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 2000, (Act 32 of 2000) as amended, read with Section 16(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003), the Johannesburg Roads Agency declares its intention to amend with effect from 1 July 2021 its Tariff Charges:**

For:

Miscellaneous Traffic Related Services as set out in Annexure "A".

- 2 That, in terms of Sections 17(3)(a)(ii) and 22(a) (i)and (ii) of the Local Government : Municipal Finance Management Act 2003, (Act 56 of 2003) and Sections 21, 21A (1) and (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) as amended, the Johannesburg Roads Agency:**
 - (1) displays the notice and the documents in the manner prescribed;**
 - (2) seeks to convey to the local community by means of radio broadcasts covering the area of the City, the information contemplated in Section 21A(c) of the Local Government : Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act, 32 of 2000), as amended; and**

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- (3) publishes a notice in the manner prescribed and invites the local community to submit written comments or representations in respect of the Johannesburg Roads Agency's declared intention to amend or determine Tariffs of Charges.**
- 3 That, in terms of Section 22(b)(i) and (ii) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) a copy of the notice and documents be sent forthwith to the National and Provincial Treasury; MEC for Local Government; as well as any other organ of State or Municipality affected by the budget to solicit their views.**
- 4 That the Executive Director: Finance in conjunction with Director: Legal and Compliance, in consultation with the Council's relevant Departments and all interested parties, report on the comments received in terms of paragraph 2 above with recommendations on the final draft of the Tariffs of Charges for approval.**
- 5 That the report be submitted to the relevant structures for comment.**

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THE NEXT ITEM FOLLOWS THE ANNEXURE TO THIS ITEM

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In terms of Sections 17(3)(a)(ii) and 22(a)(i) and (ii) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) and Sections 21(1) and (3), 21A and 75A(3) and (4) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) as amended, it is hereby notified that the City of Johannesburg has, in terms of Sections 11(3)(i) and 75A(1) and (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) as amended, read with Section 24(2)(c)(ii) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003), amended its Tariff of Charges in respect of Street Encroachments, Reinstatements, Printed Material, Tender Documents, Traffic Counting and Legal Documents with effect from 1 July 2021.

The following tariffs (inclusive of VAT) shall be effective from 1 July 2021

Street Encroachments		Proposed new tariff	
Old Tariff 2020/2021		New Tariff 2021/2022	
R 644 half year for every 15.74 meter or part thereof		R 672 half year for every 15.74 meter or part thereof	
Printed Materials			
Standard Activity	Old Tariff	New Tariff	
Plotted Maps: Black & White			
A0 Paper	R 479	R 500	
A1 Paper	R 267	R 279	
A2 Paper	R 167	R 174	
A3 Paper	R 100	R 104	
A4 Paper	R 50	R 52	
Plotted Maps: Colour fill (Standard Paper)			
A0 Paper	R 913	R 952	
A1 Paper	R 690	R 720	
A2 Paper	R 580	R 605	
A3 Paper	R 223	R 233	
A4 Paper	R 100	R 104	
Plotted Maps: Colour fill (Gloss Paper)			
A0 Paper	R 1 186	R1 237	
A1 Paper	R 890	R 928	
A2 Paper	R 690	R 720	
A3 Paper	R 357	R 372	
A4 Paper	R 100	R 104	
GIS Labour per hour	R 573	R 598	
Minimum labour per hour	R 240	R 250	
Customised Map Request	R 568	R 592	

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Standard Activity	Old Tariff	New Tariff
Revised Customised Map request	R 279	
Data Conversion for Client per kilobyte	R 0, 95	
Sale of non-Spatial Data	R 0, 42	
Sale of Spatial Data per kilobyte	R 0, 53	
Retrieval of Archive Drawing	R 73	
Reinstatements		
(Minimum charge 1m2)		
Road Riding Surface	R 1 448	
Backfilling	R 1 024	
Paved Footways	R 640	
DCP Testing	R 217	
Unpaved Footways	R 629	
Kerbing (1m)	R 946	
Temporary Reinstatements	R 479	
Wayleaves processing fees, per project per suburb	R 890	
Wayleave processing fee for unplanned work per suburb (emergencies)	R 890	
For Re-inspection where previous inspection had failed and work was Redone	R 3 340	
Penalty for failed reinstatements done by own agent	R 13 356	
Legal		
a) For every A4 photocopy	R 7, 90	R 8,24
b) For every A4 printed copy in electronic or machine-readable format	R 4, 75	R5,10
c) For a copy in a computer-readable form on i) stiffy disc ii) compact disc	R 17, 50	R 18,25
d) i) For a transcription of visual images ii) For a copy of a visual image	R 56	R 58.41

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Standard Activity	Old Tariff	New Tariff
e) i) For a transcription of an Audio Record per page	R 173	
ii) For a copy of an Audio Record	R 56	
Traffic Counts		
Existing Counts (Per Set)	R 1 062	
Existing Traffic Signal Plans	R 206	
New Intersection Counts	R 5 093	
New Link Volume Counts	R 2 376	
Tender Documents		
Up to a million one year contract	R 300	R 300
Up to a million two year contract	R 568	R 568
> R1 million	R 879	R 879
Capital Projects	R 1 458	R 1 458
Security Closure Administration Cost (Main Gate)	R 15 103	R 15 103
Security Closure Administration Cost (Additional Gate)	R 890	R 890
Security Closure Administration Cost (Main Gate) – Renewal after two years	R 9 060	R 9 060
Security Closure Administration Cost (Additional Gate) – Renewal after two years	R 534	R 534