



BLUE CRANE ROUTE MUNICIPALITY (EC102)

NOTICE 16/2015

ADOPTED 2015/2016 – 2017/2018 MEDIUM TERM REVENUE EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTREF) BUDGET AND REVIEWED 2015/2016 INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)

In terms of Chapter 4 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No 32 of 2000) and Section 22 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No 56 of 2003), the Council of Blue Crane Route Municipality has adopted the 2015/2016 - 2017/2018 multi-year Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) Budget and the 2015/2016 Reviewed Integrated Development Plan (IDP) on 29 May 2015.

2015/2016 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS:

Operating Budget: R222,336,780
 Capital: R 25,343,900

The Blue Crane Route Municipality has approved an increase on fees, tariffs and rates with effect from 1 July 2015 as follows:

1. Increase of 6% on the following Tariff Charges:
 - Water and Sewerage / Sanitation
 - Refuse Removal
 - Miscellaneous Tariffs, except on the following:
 - Traffic Fees as set by Department of Transport

2. Increase of 10% on Property Rates as follows:

Description	2015/2016 Amount (VAT Excl.)	14% VAT	2015/2016 Amount (VAT Incl.)
RATES			
On the valuation of land and improvements	(Zero Rated)		(Zero Rated)
Farmers:			
Farmers do not receive any rebates, but must be taxed 25% of less than Residential Property	0.00053		0.00053
Business:			
	0.00847		0.00847
Residential:			
The first R15 000 of the market value of residential property is exempted of rates.	0.00723		0.00723
Government:			
	0.01421		0.01421
State Infrastructure:			
The first 30% of the market value of State Infrastructure is exempted of rates.	0.01595		0.01595
Revaluation of Property/Building	178.34	24.97	203.31
Rates are due on 1 July of every year, with a period of grace until 30 September, thereafter interest at the official rate will be charged unless rates are paid monthly.			
Arrangements can be made with the Revenue Office, situated at 67 Nojoli Street, Somerset East to pay rates on a yearly basis.			

3. Increase of 12.20% on Electricity Tariffs as per NERSA approval

4. Free Basic Services to Indigent households only:

- **a monthly income per household of:**
 - **R0 – R1,430** - 6kl Free Water, 50kWh Free Electricity, 100% Basic Charges for Water and Electricity as well as Refuse Removal and Sanitation

- **R1,431 – R2,860** - 6kl Free Water, 50kwh Free Electricity, 50% Basic Charges for Water and Electricity as well as Refuse Removal and Sanitation

The adopted Budget and IDP and Tariff Book will be available at the following Libraries and Municipal Offices of the Blue Crane Route Municipality, and the website www.bcrm.gov.za :

- **LIBRARIES:**

- Cookhouse Library – Main Street, Cookhouse, 5820
- Ernst van Heerden Library – Voortrekker Street, Pearston, 5860
- Somerset East Libraries:
 - Langenhoven Library – Union Street, Somerset East, 5850
 - WD West Library – Hart Street, Somerset East, 5850
 - Dr Ngcipe Library – New Street, Somerset East, 5850
 - Aeroville Library – Perseverance Street, Somerville East, 5850

- **MUNICIPAL OFFICES:**

- Office of the Municipal Manager, 67 Nojoli Street, Somerset East
- Office of the Chief Financial Officer, 67 Nojoli Street, Town Hall, Somerset East
- Office of the Director: Corporate Services, 88 Nojoli Street, Somerset East

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER