

MSUKALIGWA MUNICIPALITY

PO Box 48
Ermelo
Mpumalanga Province
South Africa
2350



Civic Centre
C/o Kerk & Taute Street
Ermelo
Mpumalanga Province
South Africa
2350

Customer Care Center: 08611 MSUKA [67852]
Msukaligwa Municipality Fax: +27 17 801-3851

Internet: www.msukaliqwa.gov.za
E-Mail: msuka@msukaliqwa.gov.za

TARIFFS FOR STREET TREES REMOVAL

Street trees are asset for the Council any request to remove street tree other than the reasons tabulated under bulletin no: 1 the cost of removal must be incurred by the applicant. The funds will assist the Council to strengthen the budget to green the environment and to change community attitudes towards the survival of street trees.

Council will be position its self with the global fight and minimizing of the environmental catastrophe caused by global warming and climate change. Research has pointed out among other things deforestation of indigenous plant species.

1. Trees will be removed on the municipality property by the division of Parks of the department of Community Services at no charge in respect of the following:
 - i) Dead or diseased beyond recovery;
 - ii) Causes a traffic hazard, where pruning will not alleviate the problem;
 - iii) Obstructs the view of Traffic Sign and Signals, where pruning will not alleviate the problem;
 - iv) To accommodate road widening;
 - v) Causes an electrical problem, where pruning will not alleviate the problem;
 - vi) Tree roots interfere with underground infrastructure and services, where pruning will not alleviate the problem;
 - vii) Is damaging private or Council property e.g. walls, paving, where another horticultural solution will not solve the problem;
 - viii) Has been proclaimed a noxious weed or invasive plant in term of Regulation 15 of the Conservation of Agriculture Resources Act of 1983;
 - ix) Is considered to be dangerous and where pruning will not alleviate the problem.

2. *Removal of the street tree in the Msukaligwa Municipality :*

- (a) The fee for removing a street tree for an additional driveway will be determined by the Helliwel System of Tree Evaluation (Approved by Council in Msukaligwa Municipality :Greening Policy – Resolution –LM 706/07/2009)determined by the size of the tree i.e. the diameter of the trunk one meter above ground level as follows:

Stem Diameter of Tree at 1m above Ground Level	Tariff-(Including VAT)
0-150 mm (market purchase value in 150l bag)	R460.00
150-300 mm (market purchase value in 300l bag)	R930.00
300-600 mm (market purchase value in 600l bag)	R1850.00
>600 mm (market purchase value in 1000l bag)	R3850.00

(Tariffs are been bench mark from the current market price per liter bags)

The removal of tree for driveway shall only be done on the recommendation of the Technical Services department in consultation with department of Community Services.

- (b) The fee for removing any other tree not contemplated in 1 will be charged to the applicant. The fee will be determined by the responsible horticulturist using the Helliwel System of Tree Evaluation. $A \times B \times C \times D \times E \times F \times G \times R = \text{Total Value of Tree}$

Where:

A=Size of tree

B=useful life expectancy of tree

C=importance of position of tree in landscape

D=presence of other trees in the vicinity of the tree concerned

E=aesthetics of the tree

F=form of tree

G=botanical value of tree

R=12+6.2%

- (I) The application for the removal of the tree has to be motivated in writing to the Director Community Services for approval.
- (II) The application for the removal for a drive way has to be accompanied by a site plan approved by Town Planning division.
- (III) No tree on Council property may be removed except by the division of Parks or a contractor approved by the department.
- (IV) The removal of tree shall mean that portion of the tree above ground level including the roots up 30cm below ground level.
- (V) The Parks division of the Community Services will not operate on private property or remove trees growing on private property.
- (VI) Ward Councilors will be informed when in the opinion of the Director Community Services it becomes necessary to remove any trees at single locality within the Councilors ward
- (VII) The Director Community Services in consultation with the Municipal Manager are authorized to consider and finalize application for the exemption from the tariffs from registered indigents or other applicants in dire need.

Recommendation by Acting Director Community Service

- 1) That Council accepts and approves the tariffs for the street tree removal.
- 2) That the tariffs for the street trees removal be effective with immediate effect, with the annual increase together with other council service tariffs.

Recommendations

- 1) That Council accepts and approves the tariffs for the street tree removal.
- 2) That the tariffs for the street trees removal be effective with immediate effect, with the annual increase together with other council service tariffs.