

Media statement

City of Tshwane to comply with High Court order on cleansing levy

21 November 2025

The City of Tshwane has noted and respects the judgement handed down by the Gauteng North High Court on Tuesday, 18 November 2025, regarding the City's cleansing levy of R194 per month, which was designed to ensure that households using private refuse collection contribute their fair share to citywide cleansing services.

The High Court ruled that the operation and execution of its initial 31 July 2025 order – which set aside the City's implementation of the cleansing levy following a challenge by AfriForum – must be given effect. This ruling compelled the City to cease imposing the R194 monthly levy on properties using private waste collectors.

The judgement represents a significant setback in the City's efforts to recover the operational costs of maintaining a clean and healthy environment for all communities within Tshwane. However, the City respects the court's decision and will comply with it.

To this end, the City will no longer charge the cleansing levy to customers who are not using the City's waste management services. The reversal and crediting of all the affected accounts will be actioned accordingly. The City has already commenced with this process and it is anticipated that it will be finalised soon. All relevant teams have been notified and are prepared to implement the required adjustments to ensure complete adherence to the current legal position.

The City remains guided by the constitutional principles of accountability, responsible financial management and respect for judicial authority. It will continue to engage affected stakeholders to ensure clear communication and uninterrupted municipal operations.

The City expresses its gratitude to residents and businesses for their patience and cooperation as it works to safeguard sustainable service delivery and uphold the City of Tshwane's long-term financial health.

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