



# AMATHOLE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

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## News Release

### **ADM REDUCES CONSUMPTIVE SANITATION TARIFFS**

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The Amathole District Municipality (ADM) announced today that it would be reducing its consumptive sanitation tariffs across the board by 25% backdated to 1 July 2009. The new tariff structure is designed to be more beneficial for the higher end users who were previously adversely affected.

The ADM stated that Council approved the current water and sanitation tariff structure on 29 May 2009 after a public consultation process during which the rates were widely advertised and presented at various forums. However, the municipality had subsequently taken cognizance of the concerns of the public during the quarterly water forum meetings it held with communities from each local municipality within the district. The higher end users were particularly adversely affected and several businesses complained that it would negatively impact on the economy of the district, with some even thinking of relocating their businesses due to the high consumptive sanitation cost. "The ADM has listened to its communities and is therefore responding appropriately. In view of these concerns, the ADM has decided to reduce the tariffs by 25% for consumptive sanitation, backdated to 1 July 2009, and the ADM Council has approved this at its sitting on 29 January 2010", said Municipal Manager, Vuyo Mlokoti. "The accounts of consumers will automatically be adjusted", he said.

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