

**NKETOANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
DRAFT FREE BASIC WASTE (FBW) POLICY**

PREAMBLE

This document serves as a basis to outline the Free Basic Waste Policy for Nketoana Local Municipality (NLM). It also intends to ensure that no one is completely denied access to a basic supply of Waste because they are unable to pay for the service. Underlying this is the recognition that the supply of Waste at a basic level assists in alleviating poverty, improves community health.

BACKGROUND

As a part of government's strategy to alleviate poverty, in South Africa, a policy for the provision of a free basic level of services has been introduced.

1. RESPONSIBILITY OF PROVIDING FREE BASIC WASTE

While national government has strongly promoted a free basic service initiative with a view of alleviating poverty, it is local government that is constitutionally mandated to deliver Waste services. A Free Basic Waste policy must therefore be implemented at the local level where the decision making rests and services are rendered. As an Waste distributor, Nketoana Local Municipality (NLM) is therefore responsible for the provision of Free Basic Waste in all the areas under its jurisdiction.

2. DEFINITION OF A "BASIC" SUPPLY OF WASTE.

The South African standard relating to a "basic" level of Waste supply, sufficient to promote healthy living.

Nketoana Local Municipality has a discretion on the above amount which will be determined by the technical feasibility and economic sustainability, i.e.

- i. In some areas NLM may choose to provide a greater amount, while in other areas only a lesser amount.
- ii. In remote areas with scattered settlements and in Waste stressed areas it is often not feasible to provide this amount of Waste.

Nketoana Local Municipality therefore adopts the above definition as the basis for this policy. In areas where the municipality is unable to provide the above amount due to infrastructure or Waste availability, then the possible quantity.

3. RECIPIENTS OF FREE BASIC WASTE

The intended recipients of Free Basic Waste at NLM are poor households who are unable to make any monetary contribution to pay for their municipal services due to varying factors. The poor households will be all households meeting the criteria as defined in the Indigent policy of Nketoana Local Municipality at any given time. However, Nketoana Local Municipality will consider extending provision of free Basic Waste to all households as and when it can afford.

4. OPTIONS FOR SUPPLYING FREE BASIC WASTE

Due to variances in township layout, density, level of existing infrastructure and service level as well as affordability, the same measures cannot be implemented in urban as is the case in rural developments.

The following Free Basic Waste provision options will therefore be implemented.

Service Level Targeting

This approach refers to a technical option that provides a Free Basic Waste through a particular type of service.

Targeted Credits

All indigent consumers serviced will receive a rebate on the Waste charges.

5. REPEAL AND SHORT TITLE

This document is be called the **FREE BASIC WASTE POLICY OF NKETOANA LOCAL MUNIICIPALITY**