

Good day

Due to the current drought, Capetonians have restricted their water use to help save water. However, the result of that is that the City is not receiving the necessary income we need to fund our water augmentation schemes and maintain adequate service delivery. So we are introducing a drought charge.

The charge will help us recoup a certain percentage of the income that we have not been able to receive due to the drought and the necessary water restrictions.

The funds will help pay for the essential, yet expensive, projects to make new water available to help us get through the drought, such as increasing output from the Atlantis aquifer, accessing water from the Oranjezicht Main Springs and constructing desalination plants.

It is a temporary, yet necessary measure, subject to the rainfall and dam levels. It will be implemented for the next three years, from 1 February 2018, until the dam levels have sufficiently increased.

The drought charge is based on your property value and will be calculated at between 10% and 11% of the rates portion of your municipal account.

The charge will affect owners of residential properties, valued at more than R400 000, and business properties, valued at more than R50 000.

You can submit comments, input or recommendations on the drought charge from 5 December 2017 – 12 January 2018 via email to drought.charge@capetown.gov.za

Please see attached document for your information, alternatively click on the following link:

<http://resource.capetown.gov.za/documentcentre/Documents/Forms,%20notices,%20tariffs%20and%20lists/Drought%20Charge%20ad.pdf>

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