



UMVOTI MUNICIPALITY – URGENT NOTICE

REGISTRATION OF SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATIONS & APPLICATION FOR SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATIONS

Residents are hereby informed that the Umvoti Municipality has adopted an Embedded Generation By-Law (Solar Energy), which was approved by council on the **30th of May 2025**, under item **UMS 79 (79)**.

The Municipality has received a rising number of consumer complaints regarding electricity accounts, investigations reveal that many of these complaints stem from consumers who are feeding energy back into the municipal grid without the appropriate bi-directional metering system, this has led to damaged metering devices and inaccurate readings.

The Municipality has instituted measures to curb such occurrences therefore residents are requested to

- 1. Urgently register their currently installed solar systems with the Municipality**
- 2. Apply for solar energy approval from the Municipality before installation**

The above will allow consumers to follow necessary requirements as per the approved by-law, which will further assist in preventing discrepancies on accounts and ensuring proper connections that do not adversely impact municipal infrastructure.

The following documents are available on the municipal website for your reference;

1. Embedded Generation Application Form
2. Embedded Generation Commissioning Report
3. Embedded Generation Decommissioning Report
4. Embedded Generation By Law

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the **Head of Electrical Department, Mr J Mewa** on email Jitesh.Mewa@umvoti.gov.za or Thandokuhle.zuma@umvoti.gov.za.

Alternatively contact **033 413 9154/9125** or visit the Technical Services department- electricity unit at 100 Pine Street, Greytown during office hours **07:30 to 13:00** and from **14:00 to 16:30**, Monday to Friday.

The deadline for registration of installed solar energy will be the **30 June 2026**.

Miss NP Ndaba
Municipal Manager