



URGENT PUBLIC NOTICE: UMVOTI MUNICIPALITY ELECTRICITY METER TAMPERING ENFORCEMENT

Crackdown on Electricity Meter Tampering – Zero Tolerance for Illegal Connections

Residents are hereby informed that Umvoti Municipality is committed to ensuring a fair, safe, and reliable electricity supply for all and as part of our ongoing clean-up drive, we are intensifying efforts to identify and disconnect all tampered or bypassed electricity meters.

Illegal tampering undermines our infrastructure, increases costs for honest ratepayers, and poses serious safety risks, including fire hazards and electrical shocks.

The municipality will not hesitate to act should it be found that there is misconduct related to and/or mishandling of electrical infrastructure.

Any detected tampering will result in immediate disconnection, legal action, and mandatory reconnection fees. These fees are non-negotiable and must be paid in full before service is restored.

Residents are hereby notified that the municipal enforcement teams are already on the field and as consumers, compliance is your responsibility

Tampering Penalty Schedule

The following penalties apply per incident, in addition to any reconnection or legal costs:

Offence	Base Penalty	Meter Replacement Fee	Total Fee
1st Offence	R17,250.00	R2,934.47	R20,184.47
2nd Offence	R28,750.00	R2,934.47	R31,684.47
3rd Offence	R40,250.00	R2,934.47	R43,184.47

These fees reflect the full cost of investigation, repairs, and loss of revenue. Repeat offenders will face escalated penalties, potential criminal prosecution under the Electricity Regulation Act, and permanent blacklisting from municipal services.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AVOID PENALTIES:

Report Suspicious Activity: If you suspect tampering in your area, contact our hotline anonymously at 068 333 2653

Legal Connections Only: Use authorized electricians for all installations and report any issues.

Payment Options: Fees can be settled at the municipal cashier's office or by EFT. (Proof of payment is required for reconnection.)

We value your cooperation in building a tamper-free community. Let's work together for reliable power for all. For queries visit www.umvoti.gov.za or call 033 413 9125.

NB* Umvoti Municipality will not/does not contact any consumers & ratepayers via WhatsApp requesting them to make payments or payment arrangements on utility bills or services. Do not fall prey to scams. Contact the municipality on 033 413 9104/033 413 9249 to report any such incidents.

Stay Legal. Stay Safe. Stay Connected.

**Issued by
Umvoti Local Municipality**



**ISAZISO ESIPHUTHUMAYO SOMPHAKATHI: UKUSETSHENZISWA
KWAMAMITHA KAGESI KUMASIPALA WASEMVOTI**

**Silwisana nokuntshoshtwa kanye nokucekelwa phansi
kwengqalasizinda kagesi
UMasipala awuzokubekezelela ukuxhunywa kukagesi okungekho
emthethweni**

Izakhamizi ziyaziswa ukuthi uMasipala waseMvoti uzibophezele ekuqinisekiseni ukuthi ugesi utholakala ngendlela efanele, ephephile futhi ethembekile kubo bonke abantu futhi njengengxenywe yohlelo lwethu oluqhubekayo lokukhuculula, siqinisa imizamo yokuhlonza nokunqamula wonke amamitha kagesi aphazamisekile naxhunye ngokungekho emthethweni.

Ukuphazamisa amamitha kucekela phansi ingqalasizinda yethu, kwenyusa izindleko kubakhokhi bentela, futhi kubangela ubungozi obubeka engcupheni ezokuphepha, njengezingozi zomlilo nokushokhwa ugesi.

UMasipala waseMvoti ngeke unanaze ukuthathela izinyathelo ezifanele labo abatholakale becala noma bengayiphethe kahle ingqalasizinda kagesi.

Nanoma ikuphi ukuphazamisa nokucekela kwengqalasizinda okuyotholakala kuyoholela ekunqanyulweni kukagesi ngokushesha, kuyothathelwa izinyathelo zomthetho, kanye nezindleko zokuxhuma ugesi kabusha. Angeke kuxoxiswane mayelana nokukhokha kwalezizimali okuyomele zikhokhwe ngokuphelele ngaphambi kokuthi kubuyiselwe isevisi.

Izakhamizi ziyaziswa ukuthi amathimba kaMasipala asevele akhona emphakathini aqaphe ukuxhunywa kwamamitha ngokungekho emthethweni. Izikhamuzi zinyanxuswa ukuthi ziqikelele ukuthi aziphambani nomthetho.

Inhlawulo yokuphazamisa amamitha nokucekela phansi ingqalasizinda kagesi

Nazi izinhlawulo ezilandelayo ngesigameko ngasinye, phezu kwezindleko zokuxhuma kabusha kanye nezindleko zezomthetho:

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Lezi zindleko zibonisa izindleko eziphelele zophenyo, ukulungisa, nokulahlekelwa kwemali engenayo. Izephulamthetho eziphindelelayo zizobhekana nezijeziso ezikhuphukayo, ukushushiswa okungaba ngobugebengu ngaphansi kwe-Electricity Regulation Act, kanye nokufakwa ohlwini lwalabo abangeke baphinde bathole isevisi kaMasipala.

ONGAKWENZA UKUZE UGWEME IZIJEZISO:

Bika Okusolisayo: Uma usola ukuphazamisa endaweni yangakini, thinta inombolo yethu yocingo ngokungaziwa ku-068 333 2653

Ukuxhuma okusemthethweni: Sebenzisa abasebenzi bakagesi abagunyaziwe kukho konke ukufakwa nokuxhunywa, ubike nanoma yiziphi izinkinga.

Izindlela Zokukhokha: Izimali zingakhokhwa ehhovisi likamasipala noma nge-EFT. (Kudingeka ubufakazi benkokhelo ukuze kuxhunywe kabusha.)

Kubaluleki ukubambisana phakathi kukaMasipala nomphakathi ekwakheni imiphakathi engenawo amamitha aphazanyisiwe nogesi oxhunywe ngokungemthetho. Masisebenze ndawonye ukuze sizuze ngokuphakelwa kahle ugesi nokucina ingqalasizinda yethu isebenza ngendlela. Uma unemibuzo vakashela i website yethu ku www.umvoti.gov.za noma ushayele u-033 413 9125.

NB* UMasipala waseMvoti ngeke uxhumane/awuxhumani nabathengi nabakhokhi bentela ngo-WhatsApp ubacela ukuthi benze izinkokhelo noma izinhlelo zokukhokha ezikweletini noma amasevisi. Ungabi yisisulu sokukhwabanisa. Xhumana nomasipala ku-033 413 9104/033 413 9249 ukuze ubike noma yiziphi izigameko ezifuze lezi.

Yenza okusemthethweni. Phepha. Hlala uxhumekile.

Ikhishwe

Umkhandlu waseMvoti