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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Speaker urges residents to comment on proposed tariff increases**

The Speaker of Council in the City of Johannesburg, Councillor Colleen Makhubele is reiterating her plea to residents to comment on the proposed increases for property rates, electricity, water and refuse amongst other services during the 2023/24 IDP, Budget, Rates and Tariffs annual review sessions.

“On Saturday 1 April 23, we had our first robust IDP meeting in Finetown Region G and I stressed the importance of scrutinising the proposed increases because they have a direct bearing on your finances come 1 July 23. These meetings provide the opportunity to agree or disagree with the City’s proposals before being tabled at Council for approval and implementation”, says Speaker Makhubele.

As the person responsible for public participation in the city, she said that “Joburg was mindful of the impact of annual increases especially on the poor, pensioners and even private learning institutions categorised as business or commercial”.

The average increases proposed for the 2023/2024 financial year for services are as follows:

- 5.3% average property rates increase
- 7% average proposed refuse increase,
- 9.3% residential post-paid and prepaid water and sanitation increase
- 18.64% for average electricity increase

In an effort to shield the poor and particularly pensioners, the city proposes the following interventions:

- Increase the number of pensioner beneficiaries from 28 000 to approximately 50 000 pensioners.
- The property threshold for pensioners qualifying for the pensioner rebate, be adjusted from R2.5 million to R1.5 million for all pensioners from age 60 to 69 years.
- Income levels for pensioners be increased from the lower amount of R11 305 to R11 904. The higher amount from R19 377 to R20 404.
- All pensioners will get a rebate and pay on the balance of the values of the properties that exceed the R1.5 million.



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- Pensioners aged 70years with a property value of not more than R2million will be granted 100% rebate with no consideration of the income.
- If the property value exceeds R2million the pensioner will be expected to pay rates on the value more than R2million.
- The pensioner rebate benefit will be granted for the duration of the current valuation roll. Pensioners will be required to reconfirm/re-apply, at the end of the duration of the current valuation roll that lapses on the 30th of June 2023.
- Pensioners applying for expanded social package are now required to complete the pensioner's application form to qualify for the pensioner rebate.
- The first R300 000 of value of all residential property to be excluded from rating
- Child headed family/household with a property value not exceeding R1.5 million will receive 100% rates rebate
- Privately owned schools, colleges and universities which are categorised as business and commercial qualifies for a rebate on application up to 30%

There is a copy of the 2023/24 IDP document and schedule of Regional meetings on the city's website [www.joburg.org.za](http://www.joburg.org.za) under key documents. including limited copies for perusal in the Regions.

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