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City urges Spaza Shop owners to submit Registration Forms ahead of deadline

The City of Johannesburg is calling on spaza shop owners to take immediate action and submit their applications for registration before the impending deadline of Friday, December 13, 2024. To date, a total of 5,944 application forms have been issued from the 25 registration sites set up across the city's seven regions to facilitate this important process.

As part of the city's effort to streamline, monitor, and support the spaza shop sector, officials emphasise the necessity of comprehensive registration. However, until all applications are fully completed and all documents submitted, no permit can be issued.

To ensure a smooth and efficient registration process, business owners are reminded that each application must be accompanied by various essential documents. These documents are crucial for the approval of the registration and include:

- Certified ID copy (must not be older than three months)
- Certified Passport/Asylum seeker document (must not be older than three months)
- Proof of Residence
- Business Visa
- Valid Lease Agreement
- Title Deed Consent of title deed holder (if bonded)
- Council written consent (in accordance with Clause 19 of the CoJ Land Use Scheme)
- Approved Building Plan
- Tax Clearance Certificate
- Health and Fire Certificate

To date, the city has recorded no applications being returned, indicating a need for increased participation among spaza shop owners. It is imperative that all required documentation is submitted by the deadline to avoid potential disruptions to business operations.

Failure to comply with the registration timeline may result in the closure of establishments operating without proper authorisation. The city is committed to

ensuring that all spaza shop owners have the opportunity to register and contribute to the local economy within the framework of the law.

Spaza shop owners are strongly encouraged to take this opportunity to formalise their business operations, which not only benefits them but also the community at large.

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