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The City of Johannesburg calls on all Spaza Shop owners to come and check the status of their Spaza Shop consent applications

The City of Johannesburg's Department of Development Planning is calling on all Spaza Shop owners and operators who have applied for land use Consent Application to operate the Spaza Shop on their property to come and check the status of their applications.

Since November 2024, the department has received a total of 1,872 applications/documents, which went through a pre-scrutiny phase. Some applicants have not returned to finalise the registration of the applications with the Land Use Management Unit at Development Planning.

The Member of the Mayoral Committee for Development Planning, Cllr Eunice Mgcina, has called on all residents who had submitted documents to the department to heed this call to assist the department in finalising all Spaza Shop applications that have been submitted.

"In most of the applications received, the contact details (cell phone number and email) are incorrect, resulting in the department being unable to contact the applicants to submit the outstanding documents required to finalise their applications.

"Some of the applications have incorrect property details (i.e. Erf number or Street address), which result in difficulties in identifying the actual location of the spaza shop in our GIS mapping, thus affecting the conclusion of the applications," said MMC Mgcina.

She further urged Spaza Shop owners who know that they have submitted consent applications for their Spaza Shops to visit **the Development Planning Help Desk located at Forum 1 Braam Park Offices, Braamfontein, between 08h30 to 14h00 from Monday to Friday.**

This will enable them to check the status of their applications and submit any outstanding documents to finalise their applications.

Most of the outstanding requirements from the applicants include proof of advertisement/public participation process for the application; Bondholders Consent; Letter of Executorship and Site plans or a fairly accurate and to-scale representation of their sites.

MMC Mgcina emphasised that the department is committed to ensuring compliance for Spaza Shops operating in the City of Johannesburg and to assisting all applicants to ensure positive finalisation or approval of their applications to ensure full registration in terms of Spaza Shops Permits provided by the CoJ's Economic Development Department.

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