

Circular 107

24 February 2021

Dear Resident,


City of Johannesburg Rates policy 2020/2021 and pensioners rebates:

Following on previous year's conversations with COJ on rebates, the latest Property Rates Policy public meeting was held on 24 February 2021 via a virtual meeting platform for Fourways Area.

In this meeting and in the Rates policy publication it was noted that Life Rights are for the first time being specified as a category in the policy. This is as a result of the amount of submissions that COJ received asking for Life Right's holders to be considered for the pensioners rebates.


The new rates policy clearly specifies that Life Rights holders are only entitled to the 50% rates rebate. The question was raised whether residents older than 70 would be considered for the 100% rebate and the COJ Councillor verified that since the Life Right's owner is not the owner of the property, but only the occupant, the 100% rebate would not be given. The only provision for Life Right's Owners is the 50% rebate.

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City Services
LIFE RIGHTS REBATE

Life rights rebate



This is not an automatic rebate.

Properties owned by juristic persons that fall under the ambit of Housing Development Schemes for Retired Persons Act, 65 of 1988, as amended qualify for a maximum of 50 percent of the current monthly rates.

The onus shall be upon the owner of property to pass the benefit of the rates rebate to the registered holder(s) of a right of occupation. If the ownerpdf doe fails to pass rates rebate benefit to registers holders, the City may apply full rating with retrospective effect to the date of Council applying the rebate.

Submissions can be made for consideration at the next GV (General Valuation roll) which will be for the period starting 1 July 2023 for this policy to change.

Warm Regard



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Village Manager

