

## **Manyame Rural District Council (Numbering of Houses and Naming of Streets by-laws), 2023**

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IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Local Government and Public Works has in terms of section 90 of the Rural District Councils Act [*Chapter 29:13*], approved the following by laws.

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#### **Title**

1. The proposed by-laws may be cited as Manyame Rural District Council (Numbering of Houses and Naming of Streets) By laws 2023

#### **Application**

2. These by-laws shall apply to the area under the jurisdiction of Manyame Rural District Council

#### **Interpretation**

3. In these bylaws;

“Council” means Manyame Rural District Council

“Building” means a structure consisting of a wall, roof and floor or any one more of them or structure system servicing the functions thereof.

“Street” Means any stretch of road in a neighborhood, commercial area and industrial area.

“Number” shall include “numbers” if applicable, and the number shall be from the street onto which the building has its main access, the number is to be impressed or marked on durable material and be of contrasting background and is to be displayed so as to be clearly visible from the street;

public building” means any –

- (a) church, chapel, meeting-house,
- (b) theater, hall, exhibition building or premises open to the public, with or without payment;
- (c) other institution in which more than five persons are intended to be gathered at one time;
- (d) Commercial building and industrial parks

“Owner” includes the registered owner, condominium corporation, assessed owner, occupant, tenant, person for the time being managing or receiving the rent of the property whether on his own account or as an agent or trustee or on account of any other person;

### ***Numbering of houses and naming of Streets***

4. (1) The council shall from time to time assign names to streets within the council area and cause the name of any road to be affixed to or painted on any house, building or other structure fronting upon any part of such street.

(2) The council shall, by notice in writing to the owner or occupier of any building, direct the owner or occupier at his own expense—

(a) to mark or affix in accordance with these By-Laws at the main entrance or in some other conspicuous position on such building the number specified in that notice; or

(b) to renew the number referred to in paragraph (a) as often as it has become defaced or obliterated; and that owner or occupier shall, within thirty days after receipt of that notice from the council, mark, affix or renew any such number as so directed

(3) Any person who contravenes subsections (1) and (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a penalty as prescribed in the Council budget.

### ***Naming of Public Buildings***

5. (1) No person shall affix to any public building a name or number without Council approval and payment of the prescribed fee.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) no person shall in naming a building:

- a) use Names of persons, living or dead, unless there is significant reason to
- b) use names of national institutions / symbols, public office and international organizations
- c) use any meaning that is deemed controversial, derogatory or offensive
- d) use generic descriptions of industry types or building uses, street names or locality names
- e) shall infringe on trade names or trademarks of other parties
- f) Specific claims
- g) Use a name which undermines culture
- h) A name which is difficult to read or pronounce
- i) Use a misleading name
- j) A name which is not timeless

(3) Any person who contravenes subsections (1) and (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a penalty and council shall cause the removal of the name so affixed at the cost of the offender.

### *Change of Public Building Names*

6. (1) No person shall change and affix any name of a public building without Council approval and payment of the prescribed fee.

(2) Any person who contravenes subsections (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a penalty as prescribed in the Council budget and council shall cause the removal of the name so affixed at the cost of the offender.

### *Defacing of Street and Buildings Names and Numbers*

7. (1) No person shall:
- (a) destroy, remove or deface any name affixed or painted by the Council
  - (b) fail to keep marked or affixed the number specified in the notice given under subsection (2).

(2) Any person who contravenes subsections (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a penalty as prescribed in the Council budget and council shall cause the removal of the name so affixed at the cost of the offender.

### **Inspection of Properties**

8.(1) An authorized official shall periodically carryout inspections, for the purposes of checking compliance with these By-laws

### **Obstruction**

9.(1) Any person who obstructs an authorized official in the carrying out of duties in terms of these by laws, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty prescribed by council.

### ***Schedule of Fines***