

(iii) average monthly consumption registered upon the premises for three months after the relevant repairs have been affected: Provided that no such credit shall be passed for a period in excess of three months.

5. Charges for connection/disconnection of supply
- For connection of the supply which has been disconnected at the consumer's request: R10,00.
 - For connection and/or disconnection of the supply due to a breach of the relevant Water Supply Bylaws: R20,00.
 - For providing and laying of a communication pipe, including a stand-pipe and tap: Connecting charges shall be payable at the time when an application in regard to the aforesaid has been filed: Provided that the connecting charges have been calculated beforehand and that such calculation be based upon actual costs in regard to the six months preceding the application, plus 10 %.
6. Charges in connection with meters
- For a special reading of a meter: R10,00.
 - For testing of a meter supplied by the Council in instances where it is evident that the meter complies with the error allowed for the testing of water meters in use according to the Regulations issued in terms of the Trade Metrology Act, 1973: R30,00.
7. Reading of meters
Consumer's meters shall be read as nearly as possible at intervals of one month and the charges laid down in the tariff on a monthly basis shall apply to all meter readings covering a period between two consecutive readings of a consumer's meter.
8. Deposits
- Minimum deposit payable in terms of the Water Supply Bylaws: R100,00.
 - Where the Town Treasurer in terms of the Water Supply Bylaws accepts from a consumer a guarantee in lieu of a cash deposit, such consumer's monthly account shall be subject to a surcharge of 3 %.
9. Charge in connection with notice
A charge of R7,00 shall be payable in respect of a written notice in terms of the Water Supply Bylaws by all consumers who failed to pay any sum due to the Council in terms of the mentioned Bylaws.
10. Testing of meters
The charge for testing a Council meter at the consumer's request shall be as follows:
R30,00 per event.
11. Service Connections
All service connections shall be underground and the charge shall be based on the cost of labour, material, equipment, plus 10 %.
12. Supply of water outside the Municipality
For the supply of water to consumers to a point outside the municipal area the charges as set out in the item plus 20 % on such charges with the exception of other local authorities.
13. Hose permit
The issuing of a hose permit by the Engineer in terms of section 34(b) of the Water Supply Bylaws is subject to payment of R25,00 per application.
14. Testing and stamping of pipes, tap, fittings and equipment:
Fee per application: R100,00.

PART II : FIRE EXTINGUISHING SERVICES

HYDRANT INSTALLATIONS, OTHER THAN SPRINKLERS AND DRENCHERS, NOT BEING THE PROPERTY OF THE COUNCIL

- For resealing of each hydrant installation of which the seal has been broken by any person other than an official of the Council, if:
 - the Chief Fire Officer is satisfied that no water went through the hydrant installation system except for the purpose of drenching a fire, for each hydrant installation so resealed: R10,00.
 - the Chief Fire Officer is not satisfied that no water went through the hydrant installation system except for the purpose of drenching a fire, for each hydrant installation so resealed as well as for water so used through the hydrant installation: R30,00.
- The valve fitted to a hydraulic fire hose shall be deemed for the purposes of this item, to be hydrant installation.

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ULUNDI TRANSITIONAL LOCAL COUNCIL

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BYLAWS

1. DEFINITIONS

In these Bylaws, unless inconsistent with the context ---

"consumer" means the owner or occupier of any premises in respect of which the Council has contracted or may hereafter contract with such owner or occupier for the supply of electricity;

"council" means the duly constituted Council of the Municipality, acting through or by its duly appointed or authorised officials or those acting in their behalf;

"installation" means and includes all material and apparatus used or intended for the use in connection with supply of electricity situated, placed or installed on the premises of any consumer, but shall not include service apparatus;

"service" means and includes wires and cables laid to a consumer's premises from the supply mains and any other apparatus necessary for the supply of electricity to such premises between the supply mains and the meter or main cut-outs on the premises;

"supply mains" means and includes any cables or wires carrying the main supply of electricity for distribution to consumers and the Council's own electricity supply requirements;

"contractor" means the person or firm or duly licenced under these Bylaws who is responsible for the carrying out of any work or installation of any apparatus or material for the purpose of supplying electricity to any consumer's premises;

"wiring Bylaws" means the standard Bylaws for the wiring of premises published under Provincial Notice No. 455 of 1948, as amended from time to time, which have been adopted by the Council as its wiring Bylaws;

"engineer" means the official appointed by the Council as the official in control of the Council Electricity Department and who shall act or act in person acting under the authority of the Council in his stead;

"Town Clerk and Treasurer" means such officers duly appointed by the Council, and who shall act as such, or the person for the time being acting as such, or the person for the time being acting as such officer, with the approval of the Council;

"approved" means approved by the Engineer or Town Treasurer, as the case may be;

"persons" means any person or body of persons, whether corporate or not;

"owner" in relation to any land or premises means any person who receives the rents or profits derived from such land or premises, from any person or occupier thereof, or who would receive such rents or profits if such land or premises were let, being in the first instance the person receiving such rents or profits on his own account or the second instance, the person receiving for him in his absence;

"occupier" means and includes any person in actual occupation of any land or premises or having the charge or management thereof, without prejudice to the title under which occupies and, in the case of premises sub-divided and let to various lodgers or tenants, the person receiving the rent payable by the lodgers or tenants, whether on his own account or as agent for any person entitled thereto or uninterested therein;

"property" or "Premises" means and includes any dwelling, public building, factory, workshop or any building or structure of any kind for which purpose used and any number of subdivisions of land forming the precincts of or the grounds attached to such building or structure; and

"Department" means the Councils Electricity Supply Department under the control of the Engineer.

2. Any person who desires to install an electric lighting and/or power system or to make any alterations in or additions to any existing system in premises whether within or outside the Municipality, of which he is the owner or occupier shall make application to the Engineer in the manner as required, which form must be carefully completed, signed by the applicant and submitted to and approved by the Engineer before the wiring of the proposed installation is commenced.
3. Every such application shall contain a statement of the lot number and correct postal address of the premises on which the installation is to be made for the purposes for which such premises are used and the number of rooms contained therein and shall also furnish the name and business address of the contractor to be employed on the installation, and shall, in the case of premises situated outside the Municipality, be accompanied by a plan of the locality.
4. Every such application shall also be accompanied by a notice obtainable from the department, completed and signed by the contractor, specifying the nature of the work to be performed, and —
 - (a) in the case of lighting, the number and wattage of the lamps which are to be installed;
 - (b) in the case of heating and/or power apparatus, the number, size, type and wattage of such apparatus;
 - (c) in the case of motors, the number and kilowatt thereof;
 - (d) in the case of other apparatus, the nature of such apparatus, the number to be installed and the wattage of each.
5. (a) Every applicant in respect of an application for a new installation and every consumer in respect of an application for alterations of or extensions to an existing installation shall either before any current is supplied to him or within seven days of being called upon by the Treasurer to do, make a cash deposit with the Treasurer of an amount sufficient, in the opinion of the Treasurer, having regard to seasonal variations in the consumption of current, to cover the estimated cost of two months' supply of electricity to the premises in which the new installation or alterations are being or have been carried out.
 - (b) Should the amount demanded subsequently prove to be insufficient, the consumer shall, within seven days of being called upon so to do, deposit such further sum as may be necessary to increase the deposit to an amount sufficient to cover the actual cost of two months' supply of electricity, whilst, if the original deposit shall prove to be greater than the amount required, the consumer shall be entitled to claim a refund of the excess.
 - (c) In lieu of a cash deposit the Treasurer may accept an approved guarantee for the due payment of all amounts due by a consumer under this Bylaw.
 - (d) Failing compliance with any request for a deposit under this Bylaw within the time specified in such request, the supply may be withheld until such deposit has been made or a guarantee furnished, or if the supply has already been connected, it may forthwith be disconnected, and thereafter the supply shall not be reconnected until the deposit has been made or a guarantee furnished and the disconnection and reconnection fees prescribed in the Tariff Bylaws paid in full.
 - (e) If any consumer who has paid such a deposit fails to pay any amount due for services rendered by the department when required to make such payment, the deposit may be applied in payment or part payment of the amount due.
 - (f) Payment of any deposit under the provisions of the Bylaw shall not be regarded as payment of accounts for electric current consumed.
 - (g) Every consumer shall give the Treasurer at least forty-eight hours' notice of his intention to cease taking electric current, and upon the expiry of the notice the Council shall have the right to disconnect the premises unless the incoming occupier shall have made the necessary arrangements to open an account and has furnished the cash deposit or guarantee, if required under this Bylaw.
 - (h) Upon the expiry of thirty days from the date upon which a consumer ceases to take current, and subject to notice having been given to the Treasurer as provided in sub-section (h) hereof the consumer shall be entitled to claim a refund of the amount standing to the credit of his deposit account, or such part of it as remains after any charges due have been deducted.
 - (i) In the event of any consumer failing to apply for such refund as aforesaid within two years from the date of cessation of supply, or if the consumer cannot be traced, such balance shall be paid over to the Master of the Supreme Court.
6. (a) When any new installation is being made in any premises the consumer or the contractor shall, if the installation necessitates an extension of the supply mains, give the department at least twenty-one day's notice of the date upon which supply of electricity is required and in all other cases at least seven days notice, and the Council, while not binding itself to make a supply available within that period, will make a connection to supply mains as early as possible, treating all applications for a supply in the order in which they are received.
 - (b) In the total load of any proposed installation is 20 kilowatts or more, plans of the building and a specification of the installation must be submitted to the Engineer before the wiring is commenced, in order that the consumer may be advised as to the accommodation required for the housing of the Council's electrical equipment.
 - (c) The accommodation referred to shall consist of a room, the plan position and arrangement of which must be approved by the Engineer before the construction thereof is commenced and which shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (i) It shall be completely fireproof including the door.
 - (ii) The location of the room must be on the ground floor of the premises, and unless it is impossible, so to arrange access thereto must be by means of a door leading direct from the outside of the building to permit entry by officials of the department at any time when ordinary access to the building is closed. The position of the room must also be such as to facilitate the distribution of the supply throughout the building.

- (iii) The room shall be efficiently ventilated to the satisfaction of the Engineer.
 - (iv) The floor space shall be not less than 5,5 square metres with a minimum width of 1,83 metres.
 - (v) The height must be not less than 2,60 metres.
 - (vi) Cable ducts through the walls must be provided to meet the department's requirements.
7. (a) If, in respect of any installation for which an application is made, the service or supply mains are required to be laid in or carried over any private property, other than the property of the consumer for which the service is required, the consumer shall, before the work of installations commence, furnish the Engineer with the written permission of the owner of such private property, or of any person who may be authorised to give such permission, to the laying or carrying of such service or supply mains in or over such private property.
 - (b) The Council reserves the right, in any such case, to refuse the application or to require an indemnity against any loss which may be occasioned if at any time such permission is withdrawn or discontinued in regard to any portion of the service or supply mains which have been laid in or carried over such private property.
 - (c) In the event of any permission being withdrawn or discontinued as aforesaid, in the cost of any alteration to the service or supply mains required to enable a continuation of the supply or of any removal of any such mains shall be borne by the owner of the premises to which such supply pertains.
 8. No new installation or alteration or addition to any existing installation shall be carried out except by a person under the supervision and control of a contractor licenced under these Bylaws.
 9. Any new installation or alteration in or addition to any existing installation shall be provide, carried out and fixed by the consumer at his own cost and expense and shall be made in accordance with all the provisions of the Wiring Bylaws from time to time in force in the Municipality.
 - (a) Before commencing work on any new installation or on any alteration in or addition to any existing installation, the contractor shall give notice to the department of his intention to commence such work in the manner or form as determined by the Engineer.
 - (b) Upon completion of the work on any new installation or on any alteration addition to any existing installation, the contractor shall give notice of such completion to the department in the manner or form as determined by the Engineer.
 11. If the work on any new installation or on any alteration in or addition to any existing installation has been commenced before the consumer's application form and undertaking and to contractors specification and starting notice has been received and approved by the Engineer, the Engineer may stop the work until such forms have been received and approved and may order all the wiring or any portion thereof to be pulled out and dismantled for inspection.
 12. The Council reserves the right to fix the position of the meter board which must be approved by the Engineer before the wiring of the proposed installation is commenced.
 13. (a) After receipt of the notice that an installation has been completed, an inspection and test will be made by the department, at which the contractor or his representative who must be a registered wireman, shall be present.
 - (b) If, before such inspection and test have been carried out, the contractor has covered from view any work requiring inspection and test to enable the inspector to determine whether it complies with these Bylaws, or if the inspector has cause to believe that an attempt has been made to conceal defective work or that any work has been altered or has dangerously deteriorated, the inspector shall be entitled to require the contractor to open up any joints or wires, trap doors or floorboards or remove any fittings or casings to enable a proper inspection and test to be made.
 - (c) If the department is satisfied upon such inspection that the installation complies with the requirements of these Bylaws and of the Wiring Bylaws of the Municipality, and the consumer has made the deposit or furnished the guarantee required under these Bylaws and has paid any other fees for which he may be liable under these Bylaws, the installation will be connected to the Council's supply mains.
 - (d) If, for any reason, the installation is found to be not in order, the contractor shall carry out any requirements which the department may make to put the installation in order, and shall, on completion of same, notify the department, when a further inspection and test will be made for which the contractor will be liable to pay the fee provided in the Tariff Bylaws.
 - (e) The inspection and test made by the Council under this Bylaw is for its own satisfaction and in no way relieves the contractor from full responsibility for any defect in the installation, nor shall such inspection and test or the connection thereafter to the supply mains operate under any circumstances as a guarantee that the work on the installation has been carried out efficiently or that it is in accordance with the Bylaws and the Council will not accept any responsibility for any defect or fault in such installation.
 14. (a) The Council will supply any number of consumers in any one building and may, in such cases, lay services direct to each consumer, but the Council reserves the right to supply the building at a central point. Each separate consumers installation must be wired at his own expense.
 - (b) Owners of buildings may, subject to the provisions of Bylaw No. 17 (b), fix meters and measure current consumed by separate tenants in such buildings, but the Council will accept no responsibility for any meters other than those supplied and fixed by the department.
 - (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Bylaws contained, it shall be competent for the Council to agree with owner of any building which is divided into separate flats, apartments, shops and/or offices to supply electricity in bulk to such building by means of one or more connections; provided that the charges in respect thereof shall be calculated for each such separate flat, apartment, shop or office as provided in the Tariff Bylaws
 15. No person, unless specifically authorised in writing thereto by the Council, shall directly or indirectly connect any installation with any supply main or service.
 16. No person shall use or continue to use a supply of electricity from the Council supply mains unless and until he shall have signed an agreement with the Council for the provision of electricity supply.
 17. (a) No person shall sell or supply electricity supplied to him by the Council to any other person for use on any premises other than those in respect of which he has entered into a contract with the Council or knowingly permit any such sale or supply to be made.
 - (b) No person who is supplied under contract with electricity from the Councils supply mains shall, without the Councils permission, re-sell or supply any such electricity to any person for use upon the premises in respect of which the said contract was made at a higher rate and the average monthly rate per unit charged to him by the Council.
 18. No unauthorised person shall at any time or in any way tamper or interfere with any meter, supply or service mains, main fuse or other electrical apparatus of the Council or with the Council seals thereon.
 19. No person shall unless specifically authorised by the Council, connect or cause or permit to be connected any lamp, appliance or apparatus to any installation or part of any installation supplied with electricity by the Council at a rate lower than that ordinarily charged by the Council for electricity consumed by such lamp, appliance or apparatus.
 20. No person shall erect any pole, mast or wire, whether for use as a radio aerial or for any other purpose, in proximity to any supply or service wires or in such position or in such manner as is likely to cause danger from electric current to himself or any other person or damage to the electrical system.

21. Every consumer shall keep all trees growing on or over his premises clear of all overhead wires connected to the electricity supply system. Should he fail to comply with any notice from the Council requiring him to cut down or trim any such trees within a time to be specified, notice the Council shall be entitled to itself cut down or trim such trees and charge the cost of so doing to the consumer.
22. No person shall tap or attempt to tap or cause or permit to be tapped any supply main or service wire in any manner by which an unfettered flow of electricity or a supply other than or in excess of that contracted for might be obtained, abstracted or diverted.
23. If any consumer makes use of any electric current supplied to him by the Council in any manner which is not authorized by the department, in breach of any of these Bylaws or commits any act which the Engineer considers to be likely to interfere unduly or improperly with the efficient supply to any other consumer, the Council may immediately disconnect his installation.
24. Every consumer's account will, as far as is practicable, be rendered monthly and payment of same must be made as stipulated on the account. If, which, the supply of electricity to the consumer may be disconnected after the expiry of a final three days notice to that effect and such supply shall not be reconnected until the amount of the account, the notice and the disconnection and reconnection fees prescribed in the Tariff Bylaws have been paid in full.
25. (a) The record given by the meter installed on any premises shall for all purposes be conclusive proof of the quantity of electricity consumed on such premises if, on test, its mean inaccuracy is found to be not more than five per cent.
 (b) The Council shall have the right at any time to test any meter, and if as a result of such test the mean inaccuracy of any such meter is found to be more than five per cent., the Council will correct the consumer's account to conform to the result of the test.
 (c) In the event of the consumer questioning the accuracy of the Council's meter he may upon giving written notice to the Engineer, have the meter tested, and if upon the necessary test being made the mean inaccuracy of the meter is found to be more than five per cent (5 %) the Council shall correct the consumer's account to conform to the result of the test.
 (d) Any inaccuracy discovered in the meter shall not apply to any period prior to that covered by the last account rendered to the consumer.
 (e) In the event of the mean inaccuracy of the meter proving, on any test required by a consumer, to be five per cent (5 %) or less, the consumer shall be required to pay the testing fee prescribed in the Tariff Bylaws.
26. Meters will be read, as nearly as possible at intervals of one month but no reduction or addition to fixed monthly charges will be made unless the date of reading is at least seven days before or after a full period of one month from the previous reading.
27. If, from any cause, a meter ceases to record the quantity of electricity consumed, the Council reserves the right to estimate an average consumption for the period during which the meter was not recording and to charge the consumer in respect of such average consumption.
28. The department shall, in addition to the right of disconnection contained in Bylaws 23 and 24, have the right to disconnect any installation upon breach by a consumer of any of these Bylaws or of any conditions in his contract for supply after the expiration of three days' notice to the consumer of its intention so to do: Provided that where, in the opinion of the Engineer, any serious risk is involved in continuing any supply the department shall have the right to disconnect any installation at any time without notice.
29. The department may at any time, without notice, temporarily disconnect any installation for the purpose of repairs, testing or overhaul or for any other legitimate purpose.
30. When an installation has been disconnected, either at the request of the consumer or his duly authorised agent or for non-payment of any charges or fees due by the consumer, including failure to make any required deposit or furnished any required security, or by reason of any breach by the consumer of any of these Bylaws or of any condition in his contract for supply, the supply shall not be reconnected until the fees prescribed in the Tariff Bylaws and any other moneys due by the consumer to the Council in connection with such supply shall have been paid in full. A fee, as prescribed in the Tariff Bylaws, shall also be payable by the consumer for each visit of an official of the department for the purpose of disconnecting for any of the aforesaid reasons, even though, for any valid reason, such disconnection has not been effected.
31. (a) No person, other than an authorised employee of the Council or unless specifically authorised by the Council in writing, shall reconnect or attempt to reconnect with the supply mains or service any premises or installation which shall have been disconnected by the Council.
 (b) No person shall use or cause or permit to be used any supply of electricity after the same has been disconnected by the Council until it has been reconnected by the Council.
 (c) In any case where there has been any such reconnection or attempted reconnection or use as herein before in this Bylaw mentioned, it shall be presumed (unless the contrary is proved) that such reconnection or attempted reconnection or use has been done or caused or permitted, as the case may be, by the consumer.
32. No reconnection charge will be made to a new consumer who takes over premises which have previously been connected and who makes payment of charges prescribed in these Bylaws prior to the refund of the deposit to the consumer vacating the same premises. If, owing to structural alterations or additions to the buildings, alterations to the service cable or a new service connection are required, the consumer shall be liable for the cost of such alterations or new connection.
33. (a) In the event of a consumer discovering any leak or "earth" in any part of his installation, he shall immediately cut off the supply at the main switch, give notice thereof without delay to the department, and make satisfactory arrangements for the rectification of the defect as early as is reasonably possible.
 (b) Any person who knows or has reason to suspect or should reasonably have known or suspected that any electrical equipment or apparatus or any radio aerial or support thereof erected on or over any premises owned or occupied by him is in a condition likely to be dangerous to himself or any other person or to cause damage to the electrical system shall be guilty of an offence unless he shall immediately report the condition to the department or take immediate steps to have it rectified by a wiring contractor duly licenced under these Bylaws.
34. (a) Every consumer shall maintain and keep in good order the whole of the installation on his premises.
 (b) The Council shall not be liable for any loss or damage, direct or consequential due to or arising from any interruptions, diminution or discontinuance of the supply of electricity, or any temporary increase of surge therein, occasioned by strikes, lock-outs, wars, acts of God, legislative action or embargo or any other cause beyond the Council's control or by any fault occurring in the machinery, supply or service mains or in any apparatus of the Council or during the removal of any such fault. The consumer is deemed to hold the Council indemnified against any act or claim, expense or demand arising from or in connection with any of the matters aforesaid.
 (c) The department does not undertake to attend to failure of light or power unless such failure is due to the blowing of the main service fuse through no fault of the consumer, but if the department shall attend to any such failure the consumer shall be liable for payment of the fee prescribed of such service in the Tariff Bylaws.
35. The Engineer or any duly authorised officer of the Council may, at any reasonable time, or, in case of emergency, at any time, enter any premises for the purpose of inspection and/or testing any service meter or installation therein or any apparatus or appliance use in connection therewith, where he has reason to believe that any breach of these Bylaws or of the Wiring Bylaws has been committed, may remove such earth, bricks, stones, iron or timber or any other covering on any portion of the premises as may be necessary for the purpose of his inspection, and the Council shall not be liable for any damages or compensation in respect thereof: Provided that if no such breach has in fact been committed or is being committed, the Council shall, at its own expense, restore such premises to their former condition.

36. Every consumer shall give full facility to authorise officials of the Council to inspect and/or test any part or parts of the electricity supply installation in his premises or any apparatus or appliance used in connection therewith, and shall, where necessary, provide suitable trapdoors in floors and ceilings for this purpose.
37. No person shall refuse admittance or any reasonable information to any duly authorised official of the Council when carrying out his duties under the provision of these Bylaws or hinder or obstruct any such official in the carrying out of any such duties or willfully give any false answer to any question lawfully asked by such official.
38. On request by any consumer, the department will inspect and test, free of charge, such consumer's installation connected or to be connected to the Council's supply mains. If for any reason the installation is on such test found not to be in order, and further inspections are necessary, the consumer shall pay in advance the fee prescribed therefor in the Tariff Bylaws.
39. Every consumer shall be responsible for the safekeeping in good condition of all meters, service fuses, service mains and other electrical apparatus and fittings belonging to the Council which are placed or installed on his premises, and should any damage or injury be occasioned thereto from any cause for which the Council or its officers or servants are not responsible, the consumer shall pay to the Council, on demand its charges for making good and repairing any such damage or injury as ascertained and certified by the Engineer.
40. Any agreement between the Council and a consumer may be terminated by the Engineer on behalf of the Council by one month's notice in writing given to the consumer at any time, or by the consumer, by forty-eight hours, notice given to the Engineer, except in cases in which the agreement indicates a contrary intention. Every such agreement shall be deemed to continue until duly terminated as aforesaid or until replaced by a subsequent agreement.
41. (a) Every notice, order or other document provided for in these Bylaws and requiring authentication by the Council shall be sufficiently authenticated if signed by the Engineer or by any other person duly authorised thereof by the Council.
- (b) When any notice, order or other document is required by these Bylaws to be served upon or given to any person by the Council, it may be served on him personally, or, if he cannot be found, it may be left with some adult person at this place of residence, or if there is no adult person on such premises upon whom service can be made, by fixing such notice, order or other document to some conspicuous part of such premise.
- (c) Any such notice, order or other document may also be served by post by prepaid letter addressed to such person at his place of residence, and if so served by post, such service shall be deemed to have been effected at the time when the envelope containing the same would be delivered in the ordinary course of post. In proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that such notice, order or other document was properly addressed and put into the post.
42. Any person who fails to obey any notice or order given or sent to him under the provisions of these Bylaws or any notice or order whatsoever relation to electricity given in the interest of safety by any person lawfully authorised to give such notice or order shall be guilty of an offence. The engineer and all installation inspectors in the service of the Council are hereby authorised to give any such notices or orders, which shall remain in effect until cancelled by the Engineer.
43. The Bylaws in this section shall be deemed to be in addition to and not in substitution for any power, right or privilege conferred upon the Council under Electricity Act, No. 42 of 1922 and the Local Government Ordinance, No. 25 of 1974, and shall not derogate in any way from any penalty or liability to which any person may be subject under such laws or under any other statute or regulation.
44. The charges payable by consumers shall be those prescribed in the Tariff Bylaws.

SECOND SCHEDULE

LICENSING OF ELECTRICAL WIRING CONTRACTORS

45. No person shall contract to do any electrical work either within or without the Municipality in connection with any installation or wiring system which is connected or intended to be connected with the Council's electricity supply system unless he has previously obtained and is in possession of a current wiring contractor's licence issued in terms of these Bylaws.
46. (a) Every person desiring to obtain such a licence shall —
- (i) give notice of his intention to apply for such licence in at least three consecutive issues of a newspaper circulating in the Municipality, unless he held a licence for the year immediately preceding that for which the licence is sought; and
- (ii) thereafter make application at the offices of the Engineer in the manner or form as determined.
- (b) The applicant shall, at the time of making application, pay to the Treasurer the fees prescribed in the Fourth Schedule to these Bylaws and shall also sign an undertaking to carry out all wiring and installation work in accordance with these Bylaws and the Wiring Bylaws from time to time in force.
47. Upon receipt of any application for a licence, the Engineer shall report to the Council whether or not the applicant —
- (i) is the occupier of premises in the Municipality which are suitable for carrying on the business of a contractor, and to which all communications relating to the performance of electrical work may be addressed or delivered; and
- (ii) is in possession of adequate equipment for carrying out and testing wiring work; and
- (iii) has not done or caused or permitted to be done any wiring work in a negligent or inefficient manner or in contravention of these Bylaws or of the Wiring Bylaws; and
- (iv) has not carried on the business of a contractor without being the holder of a licence; and
- (v) has not been convicted of any offence under the Electrical Wiremen and Contractors Act, 1939, and is otherwise entitled to receive a contractor's licence.
48. (a) The Council may grant or refuse any application for a licence and may also, at any time, cancel or suspend any existing licence upon a report by the Engineer that the licensee has failed to comply with any of the provisions contained in Bylaw No. 47; provided that no decision to refuse, cancel or suspend any licence shall be taken until at least fourteen days' notice has been given to the person concerned upon informing him of the grounds upon which such refusal, cancellation or suspension has been recommended to the Council. Any representations which the person concerned may make in regard to such notice shall be considered by the Council before taking its decision.
- (b) Any person aggrieved by a decision made by the Council under the preceding sub-section shall be entitled to take such decisions in appeal in manner provided in the Electrical Wiremen and Contractors Act 1939.
49. Every licence granted by the Council shall be in the format as determined by the Engineer and shall be issued under the hand of the Engineer. Such licence shall be subject to the conditions printed thereon and shall be valid up to the 31st December of the year in which it is issued.
50. Application for the renewal of a contractor's licence shall be made on or before the 15th December in each year, and, if the applicant has failed to comply with any of the provisions of Bylaw No. 47 the Engineer shall report such failure to the Council which may cause a notice to be sent to the applicant in this regard, and, after hearing any representations which the applicant may make in regard thereto, may either grant or refuse the application for renewal. If there has been no such failure on the part of the applicant, the Engineer may grant a renewal of the licence.

THIRD SCHEDULE

TARIFF BYLAWS: SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY

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Units	Tariff	Flat rate
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 - For connection and/or disconnection of the supply due to a breach of the relevant Electricity Supply Bylaws: R20,00
 - For connection and/or disconnection of the supply on request, for testing of an electrical installation to enable the issuing of a certificate of compliance:
 - Domestic consumers: R35,00
 - Commercial, industrial and other consumers: R45,00
6. Testing of meters
The charge for testing a Council meter at the consumer's request shall be as follows:
- Single phase meter: R30,00
 - Polyphase meter: R90,00
 - Maximum demand meter: R120,00
7. Testing of installations
An employee of the Council may at any reasonable time inspect or test any electrical installation: Provided that the Council shall not charge any fee for such inspection or test unless the inspection or test is carried out on the request of the consumer or lessor: R50,00
8. Service connections
All service connections shall be underground and the charge shall be based on the cost of labour, material, equipment, plus 10 % and shall be calculated as follows:
- For single-phase service connection: The estimated average cost of making such a connection available to a point to be determined by the Council's installation inspector, based on the assumption that the Council's supply mains run along the centre line of the roadway.
 - For all other service connections: The estimated cost.
9. "No Light" complaints
- For attending to "No light" or "No power" complaints at a consumer's premises, the following charges shall be levied:
 - Domestic consumers: R35,00, plus the cost of material used.
 - Commercial industrial and other consumers: R45,00, plus the cost of material used.
 - The Council shall not be responsible to rectify any fault or defect in the consumer's electrical installation.
 - Should a power failure occur due to causes outside the consumer's control, no charge shall be made.
10. Special work
For any work carried out by the Council for the benefit of the consumer and at the request of the consumer, the charge shall be an amount equal to the cost of labour, material, equipment, plus 10 %.
11. Supply of electricity outside the municipality
For the supply of electricity to consumers to a point outside the municipal area the charges as set out in the item plus 20 % on such charges with the exception of other local authorities.
12. Temporary connections
- Temporary connections shall only be made available at the discretion of the engineer and under such conditions as he may deem necessary for carnivals, fetes, circuses, floor sanding machines or to consumers of similar itinerant nature.
 - The charges for a temporary overhead service connection to the pole provided, installed and equipped by the applicant, which pole shall be sited on the street frontage boundary in a position to be determined by the municipal installations inspector, shall be the estimated cost calculated in terms of Item 3.
 - The monthly charges for electricity consumed shall be as follows:
 - Per unit: 30,0 cent.
 - Minimum charge: R50,00
 - Deposit: R100,00.
13. Charge in connection with notice
A charge of R7,00 shall be payable in respect of a written notice in terms of section 11(1) by all consumers who failed to pay any charge due to the Council for or in connection with electricity supplied.

FOURTH SCHEDULE
TARIFF OF LICENCE FEES

The following shall be the fees payable in respect of wiring contractors' licences issued under these Bylaws: —

- In the case of a wiring contractor who is not also licenced as a general dealer, R10,00 per annum.
- In the case of a wiring contractor who is also licenced as a general dealer, R2,00 per annum.