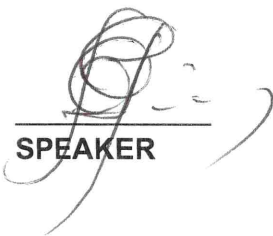




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1. PURPOSE

- The purpose of this policy is to ensure that fleet management provides an efficient and cost-effective service for the supply of transport to various functional areas within the John Taolo District Municipality.
- To manage the operations of allocated and pool vehicles.
- To provide appropriate vehicle for the task, within the allocated budget at the right time and at the minimum cost to the District Municipality.
- Establishing a uniform and good code of practice and conduct for all employees, users, drivers and operators of the Municipality's Fleet. The content is directed at promoting knowledge and understanding of the disciplines important to the Fleet Management Services activities, with the ultimate aim of attaining optimum productivity and cost effectiveness, and eliminating vehicle abuse.
- Practical application of the guidelines in conjunction with specific standing orders/policies/instructions issued by Municipal Manager, Head of departments and Unit Managers will prolong service life and minimize vehicle accident/losses caused through ignorance and/or negligence.

2. OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The objective of this policy is to co-ordinate the management of Municipal Transport by means of control measures which are applicable to all departments, divisions and sections of the Municipality. Operation and to prescribe requirements relating to the utilization and maintenance of such transport by employees of the Municipality.
- 2.2 To ensure that the users of the municipal fleet comply with a uniform code of good practise in respect of fleet management.
- 2.3 To ensure that municipal vehicles are optimally and effectively used for the rendering of municipal services.
- 2.4 To ensure cost effective and efficient usage of available funding in respect of fuel and maintenance.
- 2.5 To minimize possible abuse/misuse of municipal vehicles.
- 2.6 To ensure safe driving and usage practices in respect of vehicle fleet.

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3. DEFINITIONS

Council means the Municipal Council of John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality.

Accounting Officer means the Municipal Manager of John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality.

Head of Department (HOD) refers to a senior manager of a department in the institution.

Employee means any person excluding an independent contractor or any person whom receives a car allowance, who is employed by and receives remuneration from the Municipality.

Transport Allowance refers to those employees entitle to a transport allowance which cannot utilise fleet for official purposes.

Transport Officer means a person in the employment of Council who has been appointed by the Accounting Officer through Council to oversee and manage all the pool vehicles of the Municipality.

Drivers in case of emergency situation means a person who is not in the Employee of Council who assist with providing emergency services for example fire fighting services in case of fire.

4. SCOPE OF THIS POLICY

This policy is intended for:

- 4.1 The use of vehicles owned by the Municipality.
- 4.2 The use of vehicles owned by donor Organisations.
- 4.3 The use of vehicles hired by the Council from Companies in the Private Sector.
- 4.4 Except in the case of employees who travel or required to travel beyond the boundaries of the Municipal area, this policy does not apply to the use of subsidized vehicles which will be subject of a separate policy document.

5. TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

- 5.1 Transport in the Council is a tool by which service is delivered and therefore management of this resource rest with the Municipal Manager herewith referred to as Accounting Officer.
- 5.2 The Council or Accounting Officer (Municipal Manager) as the case may be, shall appoint an employee who shall be designated the Municipal Transport Officer for the

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purpose of controlling all vehicles to the Departments of the Council and generally performing such duties as are contained in this policy.

- 5.3 The Municipal Transport Officer shall have a clear understanding of service delivery requirements, possess numerical skills, be computer literate, be enthusiastic and preferably have prior experience of Transport Management.
- 5.4 The Municipal Transport Officer shall perform other duties as may be required by the Accounting Officer from time to time.
- 5.5 Unless otherwise directed by the Council, the Municipal Transport Officers shall be responsible to and report to the Director Corporate Services and his/her immediate Supervisor official.
- 5.6 The Director of a specific Department or delegated official shall be the ultimate authority on the implementation of this policy, vehicle allocation and transport related matters of the Municipality.

6 DUTIES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRANSPORT OFFICE

- 6.1 To attend to the licensing of all transport in the ownership or under the control of the Council.
- 6.2 To allocate in consultation with Heads of Departments Transport to meet operational requirements of Departments as far as possible.
- 6.3 To assist Asset unit with input when needed to monitor the insurance of all transport in the ownership or under the control of the Council.
- 6.4 To monitor and plan for the regular repair and maintenance of Transport of the Council.
- 6.5 Transport Officer is responsible to conduct the pre and post trip check with the driver and to report to his/her Supervisor any damages or deficiencies after a trip has taken place and to correct the vehicle if needed. In absence of the transport officer the security officer at disaster centre will conduct post inspection with the driver
- 6.6 Transport Officer is responsible to check the end reading of the vehicle when conducting the pre and post trip inspection to confirm if the log is filled correctly as well as completed fully.
- 6.7 To arrange and oversee the repairs as indicated on the completed checklist provided by the drivers after the Transport officer conducted the post inspection of the vehicle.
- 6.8 Transport Officer is responsible for the safe keeping of all cost incurred invoices on a fleet vehicle as well as orders on monthly basis to compile the fleet management reports.

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- 6.9 To monitor, checked and ensure that trip authorisation forms / log sheets are maintained and correct.
- 6.10 Transport Officer responsible to make sure that the kilometre readings on the trip authorisation forms / log sheet and following logs are balancing.
- 6.11 Transport Officer responsible to ensure that there is no missing logs/ missing km readings/authorisation forms or log sheet on the vehicles by putting in start km reading on trip authorisation forms before issuing the vehicle.
- 6.12 In case logs are not filled completely and /or as required, the Transport Officer should bring it to the attention to the Driver/Supervisor of the Driver / HOD of the Driver per email or memorandum as well as ensure that it is corrected.
- 6.13 Transport Officer is responsible for ensuring that completed trip authorisation forms are filed at Registry after compilation of the reports.
- 6.14 To procure and control the issue of fuel required by all vehicle in the ownership or under the control of the Council.
- 6.15 To assist the Asset unit with details of damages or trips where damages or accidents occurred for insurance claims on behalf of the Council in respect of loss or damage to vehicles in the ownership or under the control of the Council.
- 6.16 To attend to accident and the claims submitted against the Council arising out of damage to transport of the Council and/or injury to its employees by informing the Municipal Manager, Director Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer and Supervisor.
- 6.17 To ensure that drivers of vehicles are in possession of the required and valid driver's license for the specific type of vehicle and to ensure the license has not expired.
- 6.18 To take such measures as necessary and in consultation with Supervisor, the Accounting Officer and Heads of Departments to ensure that the transport of the Council is not abused (e.g repossessing a car from a location which is unauthorised and or possess a threat to the safety of the car like Taverns, shopping malls, social gatherings etc).
- 6.19 To institute in consultation with the Head of Departments and the personnel department or responsible division of the Council disciplinary action against drivers and employees of the Council who contravene this policy or any instruction issued by the Council, or contravene any Traffic Legislation or in any other manner causes or contribute to the damage transport owned by the Council or under the control of the Council or in any manner abuse the transport facilities of the Council as instructed by Management.
- 6.20 To recommend through the Municipal Manager, that disciplinary action be taken against any official who contravenes the provisions of this policy.

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- 6.21 To submit statistical and monthly reports as may be required either for Council or for Departmental purposes on the utilization, cost, allocation of transport or any other matter associated with transport on specific time as requested by Senior Admin Officer or HOD or Municipal Manager.
- 6.22 To allocate a vehicle ONLY after the required signatures namely signature of the Director or delegated official or immediate Supervisor and signature of the Transport Officer.
- 6.23 To manage the Municipal Vehicle storage depot.
- 6.24 Transport Officer should ensure all the required forms and supporting documents is completed before authorising the trip.

7. OPERATIONAL CONTROL

- 7.1 A municipal vehicle may only be driven by an employee with a valid driver's license, Trip Authority with the signatures of required officials;
 - 7.1.1 The Driver
 - 7.1.2 The immediate Supervisor and / Delegated official
 - 7.1.3 The Head of Department / Delegated official
 - 7.1.4 The Municipal Transport officer / Delegated official
- 7.2 Any signature that is missing from the above signatures shall render a trip unauthorised.
- 7.3 The above-mentioned trip authority must be for a trip for the performance of a line function of a department or in furtherance of the lawful aims and/or objects of the Council, proof of programmes to be attended must be attached to the trip authorisation and especially with programmes that run over weekends or 2 or more days or memorandums to be attached.
- 7.4 All fleet vehicles and drivers will be monitored by a Tracker device or tracking programme regarding locations visited, speed travelled, time of trip, kilometres travelled etc. if the services is deemed necessary and affordable by Management.
- 7.5 Allocation of vehicles must prioritize vehicles that are not meant for disaster purposes unless there are no other pool vehicles available.
- 7.6 All departments must submit monthly travelling plans to Transport Officer by the last week of every month.

8. PARKING

Fleet vehicles shall be safely parked at Disaster Centre.

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9. DRIVERS / PERSONS ALLOWED TO USE A FLEET VEHICLE

- 9.1 Only an employee of the Council may drive a municipal vehicle and only for the purposes connected with his/her official duties.
- 9.2 Employee/s receiving vehicle allowance shall not be allowed to drive any Municipal vehicle, unless under extra ordinary circumstances and after written approval from the Accounting Officer. All Head of Departments/Managers including the Municipal Manager must have motor vehicles available for the performance of their duties. In the event such employee's motor vehicle is not available for the performance of the official duty then only can the necessary written approval from the Accounting Officer be accepted to use a fleet vehicle.
- 9.3 Employees receiving vehicle allowance are not permitted to use fleet transport, except for those who are attending disaster incidents.
- 9.4 Vehicles shall only be used for official purposes:-
- 9.4.1 Only councillors who do not receive travelling allowance will be allowed to use the official vehicle.
- 9.4.2 Councillors who receives travelling allowance and in need of the transport will be allocated a driver for the duration of the trip.
- 9.5 Interns are allowed to travel with fleet vehicles with the needed approval of relevant Head of Department / Delegated official and after completing the required forms and submitting the needed supporting documentation.
- 9.6 In case of emergencies like fire-fighting, disasters etc. drivers other than John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality staff is allowed to travel with fleet vehicles after providing the required forms
- i. Completed and authorised trip authorisation/log form
 - ii. Memorandum signed by the HOD of the relative Department
 - iii. Copy of the ID document
 - iv. Correctly filled indemnity form is provided
 - v. Copy of valid driver's licence
- 9.7 In case of emergencies for example firefighting etc. the Manager Disaster Management is allowed to travel with a fleet vehicle as per the fleet policy although he /she received a travel allowance with authorisation of the Municipal Manager.

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- 9.8 In case of emergencies for example firefighting, if the needed official is not available for signatures. The signatures will afterwards be supplied as required by Manager of Disaster Management / delegated official.

10 UTILIZATION OF VEHICLES

- 10.1. Official and authorised purposes only.
- 10.2. Legally permitted to drive by a higher-ranking employee.
- 10.3. Driver must be in possession of a valid drivers' license.
- 10.4. Unit monthly transport plans to be submitted the 1st of each month, to avoid duplicate vehicle booking / wrong vehicle allocations etc.
- 10.5. Must have authorised Trip Authorization form/log sheet.
- 10.6. Report damage or deficiency in writing before taking over vehicles by indicating deficiency on the log sheet.
- 10.7. If deficiency is not reported the driver will be responsible for all damages and deficiencies.
- 10.8. Report lost or misplaced fuel cards immediately.

11 FUEL AND OIL

- 11.1 Where an employee is in charge of the Municipal Vehicle and it requires fuel and or Oil to be checked he/she will use the nearest suppliers.
- 11.2 Driver is to ensure that the registration numbers, odometer reading and quantity of fuel supplied are entered correctly on the appropriate forms and that tanks are filled to a constant level.
- 11.3 The driver is responsible for checking the engine oil and water on every occasion that the vehicle is refuelled.
- 11.4 Vehicles may not be refilled if not needed or unnecessarily.

12 FUEL SAVING

- 12.1 Wastage due to the overfilling of the fuel tank must be avoided and vehicles must wherever possible, be parked on level ground and in the shade.
- 12.2 Vehicles must always be driven in the gear ratio appropriate to the road conditions.
- 12.3 Road speeds must be kept as constant as possible.
- 12.4 Acceleration and breaking must only be done as and when necessary.

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13. RESPONSIBLITIY OF DRIVERS (OR CODE OF CONDUCT OF DRIVERS)

- 13.1 A fleet vehicle shall only be driven by an appropriately licenced and duly authorised employee on official duty and is not to be used for private purposes.
- 13.2 The driver must be licensed in terms of the National Road Traffic Act (NRTA) for the particular class of vehicle under his/her control.
- 13.3 The driver is responsible to conduct a pre and post check on the fleet vehicle before the trip is undertaken and fill the checklist and attached the petrol slips should the vehicle be refuelled after the trip as well as provide all the **required** completed documents to the Transportation Officer.
- 13.4 The driver is required to record all his/her trips on the transport requisition / log sheet form.
- 13.5 Adhere to all traffic rules and regulations stipulated in legislation.
- 13.6 Should a driver Contravene any traffic rule or regulations and receive a fine for such contravention, he /she shall be responsible for payment of such fine. Should a driver wish to defend such charge brought against him/her, he/she will do so in his/her personal capacity. Should a driver fail to appear in court and summons is served on the municipality as owner of the vehicle, the municipality will deduct such amount from the drivers' earnings and institute disciplinary proceedings against the employee.
- 13.7 All traffic fines received by post shall be communicated to the driver and payroll by the Transport Officer.
- 13.8 Driver is responsible for damages inflicted on the vehicle during use if not reported after use of the vehicle or during post trip inspection.
- 13.9 The Driver shall incur costs in relation to the missing tools and any damage caused by negligence.
- 13.7. Should an employee/Councillor utilize a vehicles for purposes other than official purposes, the necessary disciplinary procedures will be instituted as advised by Management.
- 13.8 The driver is responsible for safekeeping: -
- 13.8.1 of the fuel card,
 - 13.8.2 the trip authorisation forms / log sheet,
 - 13.8.3 the keys,
 - 13.8.4 Traffic fines, and
 - 13.8.5 All Fuel slip
- 13.9 The driver is responsible to provide the vehicle in the same condition back as when the vehicle was allocated to him/her.

- 13.10 The driver must make sure that the correct details are entered on fuel slip when refuelling and attaching the printed petrol slips to the trip authorisation form/log form and also write in the details of fuel on the log.
- 13.11 All municipal vehicles shall be driven in a safe and courteous manner, which will promote the District Municipality's public image.
- 13.12 Drivers shall always drive and handle municipal vehicles with proper care and attention to obtain the best mechanical service and avoid infringements of the law.
- 13.13 All drivers / users of municipal/fleet vehicles should ensure that they comply with the safety prescriptions contained in terms of the National Road Traffic Act (NRTA) and other safety measures set by the District Municipality.

14 DRIVERS RESPONSIBILITY AFTER USE OF A VEHICLE

- 14.1 After the use of a vehicle, such vehicle shall be parked in its allocated parking at the Disaster Centre, this applies even if a vehicle is used for more than once a day. Such vehicle may under no circumstances be parked on the street or anywhere other than in its allocated parking.
- 14.2 The closing speedometer reading and kilometres travelled are entered on the trip authorisation form / log form. This is done when the vehicle is parked and ignition turned off in the Municipal parking area.
- 14.3 Once parked, the driver shall ensure that the vehicle is in a clean and tidy condition. If the vehicle got dirty while in use, the driver must arrange for it to be cleaned by car washers used by the District Municipality.
- 14.4 The driver must ensure that the vehicle is locked properly and should the vehicle have a removable radio/radio cover, she/he shall remove the same and give it to the Transport Officer for safe keeping.
- 14.5 The driver must enter odometer reading and trip kilometre reading on the trip authorisation form /log sheet and lock the vehicle (all doors and boot) and ensure that the fuel tank is at least half full.
- 14.6 The driver shall undertake a visual post-inspection of the vehicle to ensure that no dents, scrape marks, cracked windows, worn-out tyres, etc appear. In the event of any visible damage the driver shall endorse the inspection sheet accordingly and shall immediately submit a written report in that regard to his/her Head of Department and to the Transport Officer. The last driver of a vehicle will be held responsible for any unreported damage/defects/loss.
- 14.7 The driver shall return the keys, petrol card, petrol slips, fully completed authorisation form together with pre & post checklists to the Transport Officer.

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- 14.8 Formal reports on accidents or incidents must be submitted to the Director of Corporate Services within 12 hours.
- 14.9 The usage of vehicles must be reflected by entries on the authorisation forms dedicated to individual vehicles.
- 14.10 Should a vehicle be returned after business hours, the keys, petrol card, slip/s, fully completed trip authorization form should be given to the Disaster Management official on duty. The official will note everything he received from the driver. The following day the onus is on the driver to collect all the things left at the Disaster Management unit and hand it in at the Transport Office, because the car will be inspected after every journey, of which the Transport Officer can call the official to be present when doing the post trip inspection. This is not necessary especially when there has been no damage or defects reported by the driver. But discretion lies with the Transport officer to call upon the official to be present during the post trip inspection as he/she is the person overall responsible for the cars.
- 14.11 Fleet drivers must inform their fleet unit of their late coming timeously and make necessary arrangements on how the driver get home safe after returning the municipal vehicle.
- 14.12 No authorisation will be granted for fleet vehicles to be parked at fleet driver's residence overnight.

15. IRREGULAR, IMPROPER AND UNATHORISED USE

15.1 Consequence management will be applied when the Municipal vehicle is :

15.1.1 Driven recklessly

15.1.2 Neglected and misused

15.2 Where vehicle is used without authority the driver will be responsible for:-

15.2.1 Cost of the distance travelled

15.2.2 Incorporated drivers tariffs

15.2.3 Fuel purchased for the trip

15.2.4 Where vehicle is involved in an accident, for the cost of repairing any damage

15.2.5 Instances where there is a third party, the amount expended in settling third-party claims.

16. REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS

That the Standard Operating Procedures be followed in cases of accident and incidents.

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- Incident must be reported immediately to the transport officer/ relevant HOD, and within 24 hours to the nearest SAPS to obtain Accident Report.
- Details of the third party involved in the accident must be obtained (Name, address, ID number, contacts etc).

17. DAMAGE, LOSSES AND THEFT

- 17.1 An employee who takes over a municipal vehicle must ensure that any damage or loss is immediately brought to the attention of the Transport officer, Senior Admin Officer and Director Corporate Services in writing. Unless he/she complies with this instruction, he/she will be deemed to have received the vehicle in good order.
- 17.2 Unlawful fitment/removal or exchange of fuel or any component of a municipal vehicle will be subjected to be discipline as per the instruction of management.
- 17.3 Any municipal vehicle may be subjected to a search by security service provider/delegated officials from supervisory level upwards.

18. SAFE CUSTODY OF MUNICIPAL VEHICLES

- 18.1 In respect of official vehicles taken home by employees, specific authority from the relevant HOD and the Fleet Management Division must be obtained before an employee will be permitted to safeguard any official vehicle at a private residence.
- 18.2 The driver/employee must take all possible and practical precautions for the safeguarding of municipal property in municipal vehicles when he or she temporarily absents himself/herself from the vehicle. The non-observance of this directive will render the driver/employee liable for any loss to the Municipality.

19. REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

- 19.1 The Transport Office to be alerted for any maintenance, service and/or repair needed by drivers.
- 19.2 Transport Officer should keep record and track of vehicles due for service and ensure that the service arrangements are to be adhered to and ensure that all services books are stamped as far as the budget allows.
- 19.3 No vehicles to be sent for service and/or repaired without the consent of the Transport Office and Director of Corporate Service.

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- 19.4 Preauthorisation to be done with the Senior Admin Officer and Head of Department for them to be made aware of cost related issues.
- 19.5 Vehicles to be sent only to dealers prescribed by manufactures or local prescribed suppliers certified by insurances or manufactures if vehicles are not covered by the motor plans

20. PASSENGERS

- 20.1 No unauthorised passengers in Municipal vehicles.
- 20.2 No private individuals are allowed in the Municipal Vehicles.
- 20.3 Only authorised officials of the Municipality may be passengers in the vehicles and their authorization to be reflected in the Trip authorization / log sheet.
- 20.4 All unauthorized passengers must have a permission from the Accounting Officer before undertaking a trip and sign an indemnity form before undertaking a trip.

21. SAFE DRIVING

21.1 Traffic regulations

Traffic fines arising from neglect on the part of the driver will not be paid by the District Municipality. The driver will be held personally responsible and will not receive any financial assistance from the District Municipality.

21.2 Speed limit

Apart from the necessity of observing the speed limits laid down by the government and local authorities, municipal vehicles must not be driven at speeds that may endanger the lives of occupants and other road users. Speed must be adjusted to suit weather conditions, road conditions and particular type of vehicle being used.

21.3 Rules of the road

All drivers of municipal vehicles must strictly adhere to the rules of the road.

21.4 Night driving: Correct use of vehicle lights.

All drivers of municipal vehicles must strictly adhere to Regulation 157 of the National Road Traffic Act no 93 of 1996 which requires, inter alia, that vehicle lights be operational at any time from sunset to sunrise and "at any other time when, due to insufficient lights or unfavourable weather conditions, persons and vehicles upon the public road are not clearly discernible at a distance of 150 meters.

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22. SUSPENSION OF DRIVERS AND PROHIBITION TO USE A MUNICIPAL FLEET VEHICLE

22.1 Employees may be suspended to drive Municipal Vehicles if:

In event of a municipal vehicle being or having been subjected to flagrant misuse or irregular use, or the vehicle being maliciously damaged by the driver;

22.2 In the event of a driver developing any disease or disability which will render him/her incapable of effectively controlling a vehicle and subject to a report from a qualified and accredited Medical Practitioner, he/she will be suspended temporarily or permanently from driving a municipality.

22.3 Where evidence exists that a driver is or was guilty of recklessness or negligent conduct whilst driving a municipal vehicle, or such a vehicle was involved in an accident whilst so driven, or

22.4 Where a driver of a municipal vehicle has been found guilty of driving such a vehicle –

22.4.1 While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs,

22.4.2 -Guilty of reckless or wilful conduct whilst driving a municipal vehicle, or

22.4.3 -Whilst the concentration of alcohol in his or her blood was more than that allowed according to legislation, such a driver shall not be allowed to drive a fleet vehicle until such time as a disciplinary tribunal has been concluded.

22.4.4 In event the driver does not correct errors/faults or provide fuel slips, invoices paid by with fuel card on previous trip authorisation forms as requested by the Fleet unit such a driver is subject to disciplinary action.

23. REMOVAL OF DECALS/BRANDING & VISIBILITY

23.1 Under no circumstances must decals be removed from vehicles except for the vehicles allocated to Political Office Bearers for safety purposes.

23.2 If discovered it may lead to disciplinary measures considered.

23.3 All District Municipal vehicles *must* be white and preferably branded with logos of the Municipality on front doors of both sides of the vehicle for visibility except for the vehicles allocated for Political Office Bearers.

23.4 All Municipal Vehicles will have personalised number plate for members of the public to be able to report incidents of abuse.

24. TRACKING DEVICES



If tracking devices is fitted to any municipal vehicle/trailer/machinery, it is not to be tampered with.

- The trackers will be well maintained on all vehicles
- It is the responsibility of the fleet management unit to regularly check the tracking reports.

25. ROAD WORTHINESS OF VEHICLES

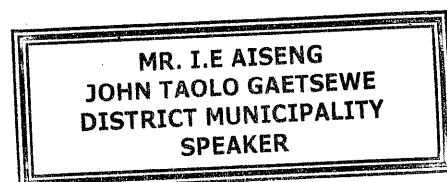
- 25.1 Every driver of a municipal vehicle must at all times ensure that the vehicle is kept in the same roadworthy condition as it was provided to him/her, failing which he/she will be responsible for the payment of any traffic fines imposed.
- 25.2 Any defects discovered with regard to the bodywork, engine and accessories of the vehicle must be reported immediately to the Transport Officer in writing or on the checklist provided on the log sheet.
- 25.3 The last driver of a vehicle will be held responsible for any unreported damage / defects / losses.

26 STICKERS

A Sticker consisting of contact details of Disaster Centre; to appear on all municipal vehicles at all times. The Transport Officer will be expected to avail himself/herself at the scene of the accident.

27. SUBMISSION OF TRIP AUTHORISATION FORMS

- 27.1 An official should request assistant from the Transport Office if he/she does not understand how to complete a Log sheet /trip authorisation form correctly.
- 27.2 After an official trip the following must be submitted by the fleet driver:
- a) Fuel slips to be neatly attached to the trip authorisation forms;
 - b) Petrol card
 - c) Vehicles keys
 - d) All fuel transactions to be properly recorded on the log sheet / trip authorisation forms;
 - e) The fully completed trip authorisation form / log sheet must be handed to be to Transport Office immediately after a trip.
 - f) Fleet drivers placed at the farm(s) must submit the trip authorization forms and all fuel receipts fortnightly with no exceptions.
 - g) Protocol Security Driver and Speaker's Driver must submit trip authorization forms and all fuel receipts on weekly basis (every Monday).



28 ECONOMIC LIFE ASSESSMENTS

- 28.1 Economic life assessments should be performed in order to determine the economic life expectancy of vehicles under their specific operation conditions. The resale and trade-in values should be also taken into consideration, as well as the ever-increasing new vehicle costs and budget constraints experienced by the District Municipality.
- 28.2 In terms of the generally accepted municipal accounting practices, vehicles are required to be depreciating over their respective life expectancies. The Chief Financial Officer must ensure that vehicle assets are depreciated annually and have their appropriate values entered in the asset register.
- 28.3 Vehicles will be scrapped when they become redundant or get beyond economical repair.
- 28.4 A municipal vehicle will be considered for disposal from 120 000 to 180 000 kilometres. However, before decision to dispose the vehicle is taken, proper technical evaluation should be done to determine whether the vehicle can still be used. Disposal and purchases are dependable on available funds.
- 28.5 The following should be taken into consideration during the disposal process:
- 28.5.1 The necessity of the vehicle and its effect on services which are rendered.
 - 28.5.2 The mechanical condition history of the vehicle
 - 28.5.3 The appropriate norms to be complied with before the vehicle can be replaced or scrapped.
- 28.6 Disposal should be done according to the Council's Supply Chain Management Policy and the Council should receive maximum benefit from the disposal process.

29. USAGE OF DISASTER VEHICLES BY VOLUNTEERS

Approved fire-fighting volunteers will be allowed to drive Council vehicles only in emergencies under the following conditions:

- 29.1 An approved volunteer who will be utilizing the disaster vehicles of the Municipality must have submitted the following to Disaster Centre / Transport Office prior approval:
- (a) copy of ID copy,
 - (b) valid driver's license,
 - (c) proof of address and contact details
- 29.2 Handle all disaster equipment with care.

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- 29.3 Must complete and sign a trip authorization form / log sheet before any trip is undertaken. (In an event when incident/s occur after normal working hours / or over weekends and public holidays or and a senior manager / delegated official is aware of the incident but unavailable to sign the trip authorisation form, signatures can be obtained immediately when the manager come back to the office).
- 29.4 Trip authorization must be duly signed.
- 29.5 All disaster vehicles must be used in line with the requirements outline in the policy
- 29.6 An indemnity form must be completed and signed by the driver before leaving the premises. The completed indemnity form (copy) must be provided to the Transport Officer before the trip commences.
- 29.7 A pre and post inspection checklists must be completed by the driver and transport Officer or security officer at Disaster Centre and be submitted to the Transport Officer.
- 29.8 Accidents must be handled in line with this policy.
- 29.9 Driver swapping is prohibited.
- 29.10 All vehicles and disaster equipment must be returned the same day to the Disaster centre, unless otherwise there are valid reasons why the vehicle cannot be returned, i.e. when the fire incident confronted is so strong to an extend that it needs to be extinguished for long hours, overlapping to the next day. If such scenario is experienced the Manager Disaster Centre and the Head of Department must be informed and must give permission.
- 29.11 The disaster management volunteer drivers with valid driver licenses are authorized to drive the disaster management emergency vehicles to veld fires adhering to the abovementioned conditions in the Fleet Management Policy.

30 CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE FLEET MANAGEMENT POLICY

- 30.1 Any driver who contravenes this vehicle policy will be subjected to a disciplinary hearing
- 30.2 Continuous minor offences of this policy will also result in disciplinary action being taken
- 30.3 The following penalties could be involved for non-compliance with this policy:
- 30.3.1 Refusal of permission to drive Municipal vehicles

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30.3.2 Payment of excess amount for insurance purposes, or full amount where the cause of an accident is due to negligence on the part of the driver.

30.3.3 Councillors who contravene this policy will be reported to the EXCO for institution of necessary disciplinary action.

31. IMPORTANT THINGS THAT NEED TO BE NOTED:

31.1 All vehicles belonging to the Municipality Council should be marked with a logo of the Municipality and personalised number plates, for visibility and easy ways to report for the public in instances of misuse and abuse.

31.2 All vehicle keys must reside with the Transport Office at all times, under no condition whatsoever may the keys be given or taken from the Transport Office by any other person except for the Director: Corporate Services or the Accounting Officer.

31.3 The Asset Register of all the fleet vehicles will be managed by BTO (Asset unit).

32. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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ANNEXURE A

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TRIP AUTHORISATION FORM FOR THE USE OF MUNICIPAL OWNED VEHICLES

NB : This form has to be completed in full prior to departure by the driver requesting transport.

Name of Main Driver:	Driver's ID Number:	Cell phone No:	Department:
Name of Co-Driver:	Driver's ID Number:	Cell phone No:	Department:
Vehicle Registration No:	Vehicles station:	Make /Model:	
Trailer Registration No:			

PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE JOURNEY BY TRANSPORT OFFICER & DRIVER

DATE	Time	Starting point	Start Odometer Reading	Destination	End Odometer Reading	Reason for Trip

PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED AFTER JOURNEY

Return Date of Vehicle	Return Time	End point	End Odometer Reading	Key & Petrol Card Returned (Please tick)	Signature of Transport Officer upon receipt of keys and petrol card

*Passenger/s: only official/s of the Municipality and must record their name & ID Number
NB (No private passengers will be allowed in Vehicle without signing Indemnity Form)*

Names	ID No	Department

Goods/Equipment	Quantity	Reason

ABOVE TRIP AUTHORISED BY:

Responsibility Unit Manager

Signature:

Contact No:

Date:

Transport Officer's Name

Signature:

Contact No:

Date:



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By signing the trip authorisation form, I acknowledge that I do understand the contents of the form as well as the implications thereof as indicating in fleet management Policy of Council.

Driver's signature

Date

On undertaking an official trip with a Municipal Vehicle all drivers will be subjected to the following conditions:

1. All vehicles and drivers is monitored by Tracker with regard to locations visited as well as the duration of the trip and the speed travelled
2. Vehicles may not be refuelled unnecessarily
3. Vehicles are only issued to licensed drivers and driven in gear appropriate to road conditions. (Fleet Management Policy Clause 10.3 and 10.c and Operational control 17.1)
4. Drivers to adhere to traffic signs and will be held responsible for traffic violation fines (Fleet Management Policy Responsibility of driver Clause 14 b).
5. Breaking and Acceleration to be done as and when necessary (Fleet Management Policy Fuel saving Clause 10 e)
6. Driver responsible for safety of vehicle, keys and petrol card while in possession of the vehicle (Fleet Management Policy Responsibility of drivers Clause 14 e and f)
7. Authorised private passengers MUST sign indemnity forms when in Municipal Vehicle (no indication to signing of indemnity form but clauses with regard to Passengers Fleet Management Policy Clause 18.1 to 18.4)
8. Councillors will be covered by the Gazette on the remuneration of public bearer Act (Fleet Management Policy Clause 18 page 8)
9. After Hours arrival and weekends allows for authorised arrangements with Supervisor for driver to go home with the vehicle and Driver to take full responsibility for safe keeping of vehicle and returned it the following working day by 07:30 (Fleet Management Policy Operational control Clause 17.4)
10. All Petrol slips should be attached to the transport requisition form and completed as indicated on Fleet Policy Submission of logs clause 22 d)
11. After an official trip the following must be submitted by the driver
 - i. Petrol card
 - ii. Keys (Submission of logs Clause 22 d of Fleet Management Policy)

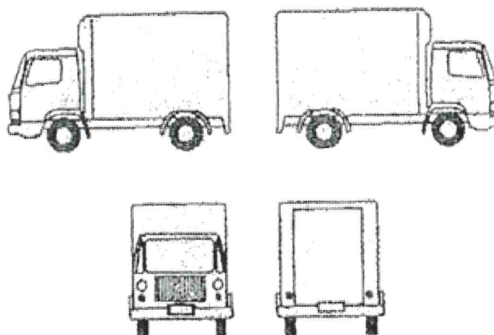
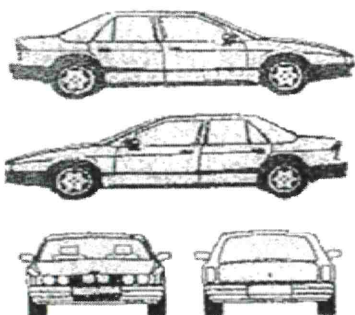
PART 3: VEHICLE INSPECTION AND USAGE

(TO BE CONDUCTED IN PRESENCE OF THE DRIVER)

Is the vehicle roadworthy?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Kindly indicate any Defects on vehicle:





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VEHICLE INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PRE-TRIP INSPECTION:

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POST-TRIP INSPECTION:

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VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER: MAKE:

SPEEDOMETER READING: TIME :

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Logbook			Key with petrol card		
License Disk			Number plates		
Water			Oil		
Engine coolant			Brake fluid		
Battery			Mirrors		
Wipers			Windows		
Brake Lights			Brakes		
Head Lights			Tail light		
Hazards			Indicators		
Tyres			Shock Absorbers		
Clutch Fluid			Hooter		
Car Radio			Safety Belt		
Spare Wheel			Wheel Spanner		
Jack			Body: dents & scratches		
Triangle					

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / COMMENTS:

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EMPLOYEE	SIGNATURE	DATE
DRIVER		
TRANSPORT OFFICER		

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VEHICLE INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PRE-TRIP INSPECTION : ☐

POST-TRIP INSPECTION: ☒

VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER: MAKE:

SPEEDOMETER READING: TIME :

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Logbook			Key with petrol card		
License Disk			Number plates		
Water			Oil		
Engine coolant			Brake fluid		
Battery			Mirrors		
Wipers			Windows		
Brake Lights			Brakes		
Head Lights			Tail light		
Hazards			Indicators		
Tyres			Shock Absorbers		
Clutch Fluid			Hooter		
Car Radio			Safety Belt		
Spare Wheel			Wheel Spanner		
Jack			Body: dents & scratches		
Triangle					

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

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EMPLOYEE	SIGNATURE	DATE
DRIVER		
TRANSPORT OFFICER		

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ANNEXURE B

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Tel: 053-7128700

TRIP AUTHORISATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To: The Transport Officer

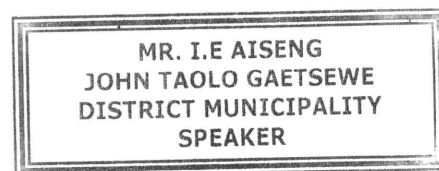
I, ... as the HOD officially approved this trip (as per the invite attached / without invitation received from the host) and acknowledge post inspection has been conducted, and the same allocated vehicle has been returned by driver.

DETAILS		
Employee		
Date of official trip		
Purpose of the trip		
Destination		
Vehicle Registration		
Date when vehicle return and time	Date:	Time

Yours faithfully,

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

DATE



ANNEXURE C

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INDEMNITY FORM

I, the undersigned (names in full) ID No.
..... acknowledges and declare that I am a passenger
and or driver in a municipality-owned vehicle for official purposes from
(place)..... to on the following
date(s) to

I acknowledge and understand that I am passenger/driver at my own risk.

I further acknowledge that there are risks, hazards and danger involved to which I might
be subjected to.

I voluntarily assume the risks, hazards and dangers inherent in travelling by the municipal
vehicle and I hereby exonerate the John Taolo District Municipality, its driver or
representative against any civil or other claim that might be instituted by me or any other
person on my behalf.

Furthermore, I acknowledge that any injury or death resulting from an accident under the
given authority to travel will be limited to the award made by the Road Accident Fund
(Road Safety Act (Act 130 of 1993)).

I accept the conditions as stated above.

Signed at day of
20.....

PASSENGER

Approval by Municipal Manager for transportation of person as indicated above.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

DATE