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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

City of Cape Town decision not to appeal judgement

RE: CITY OF CAPE TOWN: CITY'S DECISION NOT TO APPEAL THE JUDGEMENT OF THE WESTERN CAPE HIGH COURT OF 30 APRIL 2026

The City of Cape Town this morning issued a press statement, indicating that it will abide by the decision of the Western Cape High Court of 30 April 2026 in the litigation brought by the South African Property Owners' Association to challenge the tariffs linked to property values.

We are glad to see that the City has decided to abide by the Court's decision, and that it has decided not to waste further taxpayer's funds in pursuing fruitless appeals.

SAPOA notes the City's undertaking to publish a new draft budget for public comment on 27 May 2026 and will consider such draft budget in detail.

We will carefully study the new draft budget and will submit comment where necessary.

As SAPOA has stated all along during its engagement with the City, city-wide cleaning ought to be funded from property rates, and SAPOA is satisfied that the City now seems to be in agreement.

We urge all other municipalities in the country to refrain from introducing tariffs linked to property values.

SAPOA is currently engaging the Mangaung Municipality on precisely this issue, and we sincerely hope that Mangaung will pay heed to these calls.

SAPOA is now proceeding to recover its legal costs incurred in the litigation, from the City.

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