



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

FINAL CHANCE FOR AMNESTY ON BYPASSED ELECTRICAL AND WATER METERS

The Rand West City Local Municipality has identified 9,400 water meter and 14,500 electrical meter customers who are not purchasing electricity, many of whom have bypassed their meters. The reasons for these bypasses vary, including actions by municipal technicians, developers, and consumers themselves.

Current fines for meter tampering are:-

- **Electricity Meter:**

- ✓ First offence: R10,015.50
- ✓ Second offence: R15,023.25

- **Water Meter:**

- ✓ First offence: R2,338.49
- ✓ Second offence: R4,676.98

Your immediate action:-

The proposal recommends a two-month amnesty from 1 October 2024 to 30 November 2024, during which:-

- Consumers can report bypassed meters without penalty.
- The municipality will stop bypassing meters and replace faulty ones. Community members will be required to purchase electricity/water immediately after the reversal of the bypass.
- Fines will be suspended for consumers who comply during the amnesty period.
- Consumption will be recovered based on previous usage (6 months for residential, 18 months for businesses).
- There will be no cut off's during the amnesty period for bypass meters.

Municipal Commitment:

The accounting officer is asked to approve:

- Amnesty from fines for the specified period.
- Recovery of consumption based on prior average usage.
- Communication of the amnesty to the public.
- Record-keeping for consumers who participate.
- Full fines to be issued after 30 November 2024 for non-compliance.

Send your meter numbers and details to +27 67 852 6141

