

# POLICY FRAMEWORK ON NAMING AND RENAMING PROCESS

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The main purpose of this framework is to determine the guiding policy and principles for the naming and renaming process.
- 1.2 The process and procedures for the naming and renaming of streets, public venues and features falling under the jurisdiction of the Municipality as defined by the South African Geographical Names Council Act no. 18 of 1998.
- 1.3 The legislative context within which the name change shall occur based on a plethora of legislation has been simplified to guide this process.
- 1.4 Community participation in the entire naming and renaming process is compulsory in ensuring a people-centred approach.
- 1.5 The Committee on naming and renaming of streets and Public venues established in accordance with Section 79 of the Municipal Structures Act, A106/2005 shall be responsible for the facilitation of this process in terms of receiving applications, proposal and adjudication.
- 1.6 The Committee of Council referred to in paragraph 1.5 is operating within its mandate shall on behalf of Council work closely, through its representative(s) with the Northern Cape Local Geographical Names Committee during its tenure.
- 1.7 The policy guideline adopted by Council through a resolution constitutes the relevant legislative and regulatory framework for the completion of this process.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To promote the spirit of the South African Geographical Names Council Act No. 118 of 1998.
- 2.2 To ensure inclusivity, representativeness, transparency and legitimacy of the naming and renaming process.
- 2.3 To determine the relevant Political structures entrusted with the responsibility of facilitating the naming and renaming process.
- 2.4 To provide the policy guideline for the naming and renaming process.
- 2.5 To simplify for members of the public the applicable conditions and principles under which the naming and renaming must take place on.

## 3. LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

- 3.1 The South African Geographical Names Council Act No. 118 of 1998 makes it obligatory for all Provinces to establish their Provincial Geographical Names
- 3.2 Committee which shall be entrusted with the naming and renaming process in the
- 3.3 Province and these structures are replicated at all levels.
- 3.4 The Local Government Municipal Systems Act No. 32 of 2000 consistent with relevant sections provides for a Municipality to establish appropriate mechanisms, processes and procedures to enable the local community to participate in the affairs of the Municipality.
- 3.5 The Promotion of Access to Information Act No. 2 of 2000 contains the relevant information on procedures and processes to access public information.



