

ITEM A246

**POLICY ON PLACING OF RAILWAY AND SHIP
CONTAINERS FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES (DP(PROP)29)**

2/7/4

RESOLVED (ON 28.05.2002)

1. That the policies adopted by the former Western Vaal Metropolitan Local Council and the former Vereeniging/Kopanong Local Council, regarding the placing of containers for business purposes, be rescinded;
2. that the following policy regarding the placing of containers for the entire area of the Emfuleni Local Municipality be approved:
 - “2.1 That all applications for the placing of containers for business purposes be co-ordinated by the Department of Development Planning in consultations with other Departments;
 - 2.2 that a quarterly permit fee of R240 be paid in advance;
 - 2.3 that the permit be valid for a period not exceeding two years, renewable for further periods at the discretion of Council on proviso that the quarterly fees are paid up to date, failing which the permit becomes invalid;
 - 2.4 no public phone business or any other business to operate on any Council owned property without a permit, except those operating in a property where there is a lease agreement between the lessee and Council;
 - 2.5 that a portion of land identified by applicant and permission granted be solely used for a public phone and other business from a container;
 - 2.6 that the land in use will be available for Council use and the permit will be cancelled upon 1 month's notice as the Council may decide;
 - 2.7 that the property is kept clean and tidy at all times;
 - 2.8 that the permit may not be ceded or transferred or the property be occupied by a third party without Council's prior consent;
 - 2.9 that the applicant negotiates with ESKOM regarding the supply of electricity;
 - 2.10 that in the event of any illegal connections to services being made to or any other operation being conducted from the container, the permit is withdrawn immediately;
 - 2.11 that all applications for permission to use Council land for cellular phone and other containers are finalized by the Local Economic Development and Urbanization Committee;
 - 2.12 that the containers be solely used for business purposes and not for residential purposes failing which, the permit be cancelled with immediate effect;
 - 2.13 that all applications received for the placing of a container on a property or residence or vacant park stands be referred to the Land Use

Management Section to obtain the necessary rights to operate a business from a container;

- 2.14 that the containers conform to the minimum building requirements;
- 2.15 that all applications be accompanied by a site plan indicating the exact position on the site of placement;
- 2.16 that Council liaise with the different Ward Committees or Ward Councilors on a possible site in their area to be made available for the specific placing of containers;
- 2.17 that Council negotiate agreements with the suppliers of the containers, Vodacom or MTN, to arrange possible locations before selling the containers to individual applicants;
- 2.18 that Council investigate the possibility of developing small business stores and then subletting them as a possible means of deriving an income;
- 2.19 that Council should (if funds are available) hire a crane to remove all containers placed illegally and in areas where they are prohibited to trade;
- 2.20 vacant park stands to be identified should not exceed 400 m² in extent;
- 2.21 that the container be placed on the old steel wheel rails for lightning safety and
- 2.22 that the positioning of containers not jeopardize existing businesses.”