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Municipal Health Services *Review of By-Law*



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Welcome and Purpose of Meeting

- . The Garden Route District Municipality currently publishes its Municipal Health Services by-law on its website for public comments and gives communities, businesses and other interested parties an opportunity to submit formal comments.
- . Public participation helps ensure that the final by-law reflect the needs and realities of our communities.
- . Due date for comments by 2 November 2026.

Why new By-laws ?

- . National legislation requires municipalities to regulate environmental health matters.

The proposed by-law align with:

- . National Health Act
- . Environmental Health Norms and Standards
- . Constitutional responsibilities of municipalities
- . Municipal Systems Act
- . Public comments are required before adoption.

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Objectives of the By-law (1)

The by-law is a local law adopted by Council to regulate matters within the municipality's powers. “Activities that can create a risk to people's health or create a public-health nuisance may be regulated. The By-law sets the rules for protecting public health in our communities.”

The By-Law is still a draft and comments from the public will contribute to a final document that aim to:

- Protect public health
- Promote safe business practices
- Prevent environmental health risks
- Ensure compliance with national standards
- Improve quality of life
- Clarify responsibilities of owners and occupiers

Objectives of the By-law

The by-laws are based on National Environmental Health Norms and Standards and prescribe:

- Minimum hygiene standards
- Minimum structural standards
- Safe food practices
- Safe sanitation
- Risk management
- Inspection requirements

What is Municipal Health Services?

National health Act of 2003 defines Municipal Health Services as:

- 1. Water Quality Monitoring**
- 2. Food Control**
- 3. Waste Management**
- 4. Health Surveillance of Premises**
- 5. Surveillance and prevention of communicable diseases, excluding immunisations**
- 6. Vector Control**
- 7. Pollution Control**
- 8. Disposal of the dead**
- 9. Chemical safety.**

Excluding Port Health, Malaria Control and control of Hazardous Substances

Environmental Health Practitioners perform MHS to prevent illness rather than treat disease.

Who are affected by the by-law?(1)

Residents, businesses, food premises, informal traders/spaza shops, accommodation establishments, institutions, property owners/occupiers and other premises/activities falling within Municipal Health Services.



Who are affected by the by-law?(1)

Chapter 1: Health nuisances

Chapter 2: Keeping and slaughtering of animals

Chapter 3: Animal establishments

Chapter 4: Accommodation establishments

Chapter 5: Child-care facilities and institution

Chapter 6: Public swimming pools and spa-baths

Chapter 7: Barbers, hairdressers, beauticians, body piercers and tattooists

Chapter 8: Waste management

Chapter 9: Water and sanitation

Chapter 10: Disposal of corpses and disturbance of mortal remains

Chapter 11: Offensive Trades

Chapter 12: Requirements for children's homes

Chapter 13: Community residential mental healthcare facilities

Chapter 14: Requirements for old age homes

Chapter 15: Spaza shops

Chapter 16: Public gatherings

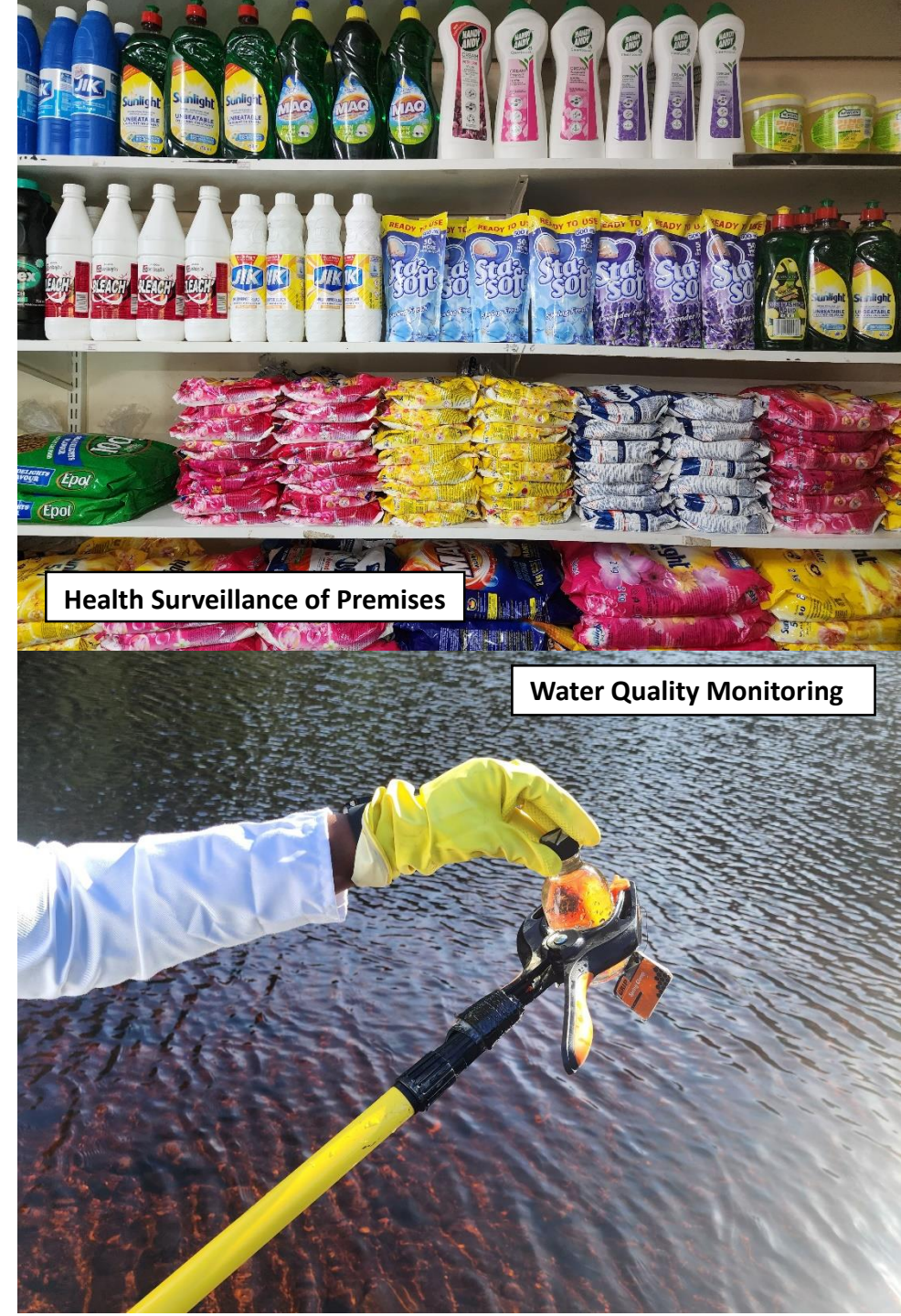
Chapter 17: Dry cleaning and laundry establishments

Chapter 18: Seasonal traditional schools

Chapter 19: Schools

What are the main areas covered ?

- Food safety
- Water quality
- Waste & sanitation
- Health surveillance of premises
- Nuisances
- Communicable diseases
- Vector control
- Pollution/environmental health
- Other applicable health matters.



Health Surveillance of Premises

Water Quality Monitoring

What does Compliance mean?

- By-law explain what a person/business must do to meet applicable standards.
- How to obtain/maintain required approvals where applicable.
- Keep premises hygienic.
- Allow lawful inspections.
- Correct identified risks.
- Comply with notices and requirements



What happens if there is non-compliance?

EHP inspection :

- identification of non-compliance
- opportunity/requirement to rectify
- applicable notice/enforcement action
- possible penalties/prosecution where provided for.

The process depends on the provision and circumstances and applicable legislation.

How can you comment?(1)

- Read the draft
- → identify the section
- → explain your concern/suggestion
- → submit it through the prescribed channel before the closing date.
- **Closing date is Monday, 2 November 2026**

How can you comment?

Comments on the Draft GRDM By-Law can be sent via email to:

Acting Municipal Manager

Garden Route District Municipality

PO Box 12

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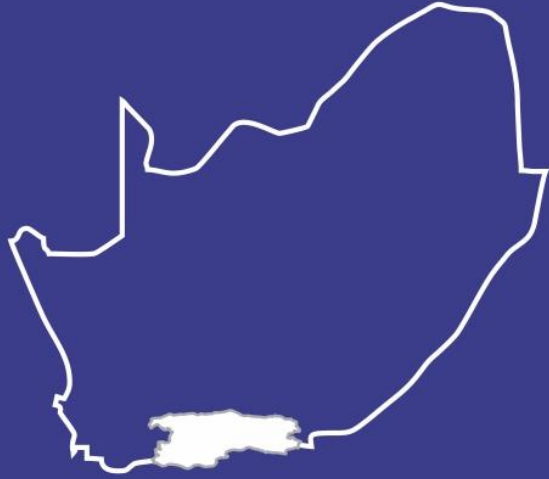
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For attention:

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