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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 158 OF 2009

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, ROADS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

DECLARATION OF CERTAIN MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO CURB MINIBUS  
TAXI TYPE SERVICE IN THE RUSTENBURG AREA IN TERMS OF SECTION 7(B)  
OF THE ROAD TRANSPORTATION ACT, 1977 AS AMENDED BY NORTH WEST  
ROAD TRANSPORTATION AMENDMENT ACT, ACT 5 OF 1977

In terms of section 7b (1) of the Road Transportation Act No. 74 of 1977 as amended (by North West Road Transportation Amendment Act 5 of 1997). I, Phenye France Vilakazi, Member of the Executive Council for Transport, Roads and Community Safety in the North West Province hereby announce the following Magisterial District within the Greater Rustenburg Municipal Areas to which the provision of the said Section 7B shall apply to regulate, manage and control minibus taxi type services in the following routes: Tlhabane, Geelhoutpark/Tlhabane West, Rustenburg, Zinniaville, Rustenburg North, Paardekraal, Boitekong, Meriting, Phokeng, Bleskop and Sunrise Park.

Notice is hereby given that as a result of the under mentioned efforts to resolve taxi violence and conflict in the affected areas, the following steps were undertaken:

1. A number of meetings held between rival groups with a view to mediate the conflict and to bring the parties to work together. These meetings were initially facilitated by the Department.
2. The Regional Taxi Council has also facilitated a number of meetings with the two rival groups, but the other group was always non-cooperative.
3. A number of Taxi Associations operating in the area of Bafokeng, Boitekong, Meriting, Bleskop, Tlhabane and others at the same stage demanded intervention from the Regional Taxi Council and the Rustenburg Municipality on a number of occasions.
4. Finally, without any positive response from the Council and Municipality, the affected groups of associations organised and conducted two massive marches to deliver list of demand to the Rustenburg Mayor.
5. Thereafter similar list of demands by the affected groups were later send to the Premier of the Province to intervene.
6. In the meantime, the rival groups continue to fight over routes, threatening the lives of other operators and commuters.
7. Recent fights and violence on the affected routes resulted in loss of lives.

8. The latest intervention by the Department and the Rustenburg Municipality engaged the mediation services between the parties, but so far the other group pulled out of the mediation process. This conduct demonstrated the reluctance by this other group towards meaningful efforts to strike conciliation between the rival groups, leaving the Department with no other option towards the regulation and control of taxi operations in the affected area(s).

Whereby the following measures shall apply:

Any person;

1. Found operating in those areas without a valid operating license shall have this vehicle impounded and only released upon payment of a fine of R5 000.00, and production of a valid operating license.
2. Operating public transport contrary to the terms and conditions of operating license shall have his vehicle impounded and only release upon payment of a fine of R5 000.00.
3. Allowing another person to use one's operating license for vehicle not specified on it shall be impounded and released upon payment of a fine of R5 000.00.
4. All taxi associations and their members must ensure that they apply for final registration with the office of Transport Registrar within the period prescribed in the regulations.
5. All members of taxi associations must ensure that they acquire their operating licenses to operate in the area within the period as prescribed in the regulations.
6. Operations in and out of Rustenburg Taxi Rank will be monitored in accordance with Municipal by-laws.

These special measures will become effective upon publication until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 or unless withdrawn by the responsible Member of the Executive Council which ever is the earliest.



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