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DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

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**AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF
SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2002)**

I, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, hereby, in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), issue the directions in the Schedule hereto, to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in South Africa.

NC Zuma

**DR NKOSAZANA DLAMINI ZUMA, MP
MINISTER OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

DATE: 02.07.2020

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this Schedule, “the Directions” means the directions published in Government Notice No. 399 of 25 March 2020, as amended by Government Notice No. 432 of 30 March 2020 and Government Notice No. 510 of 07 May 2020.

Amendment of the Directions

2. The Directions are hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph 6.7 of the following paragraph:

“6.7. Municipal operations and governance

- 6.7.1 Municipalities and municipal entities are required to perform their various statutory functions, including the adoption of integrated development plans (IDPs) and operations relating to municipal services and revenue collection.
- 6.7.2 When rendering municipal services, municipalities and municipal entities must ensure that there is strict adherence to all COVID-19 public health and containment prescripts, especially those relating to gatherings, physical distancing, health and safety.
- 6.7.3 Subject to paragraph 6.7.2, normal face-to-face council and staff meetings may be conducted, where necessary, but it is recommended that all meetings should still be conducted through electronic means, if possible.
- 6.7.4 Furthermore, municipalities and municipal entities are directed to—
 - (a) convene meetings of council and committees of council to consider—
 - (i) any council-related business, including the adoption of IDPs; and
 - (ii) matters relating to the provision of critical municipal services such as roads and storm water, electricity, municipal health services, municipal environmental services, and waste management services;

- (b) ensure that communities are consulted using virtual platforms and alternative methods of consultation, instead of contact meetings, to provide comments on the draft IDP and Budget;
- (c) ensure that meetings of the Development Tribunal and other structures performing similar quasi-judicial functions are held, only where necessary;
- (d) render the following services:
 - (i) Payment for licenses;
 - (ii) issuing of licenses of vehicles, renewal of drivers licenses and roadworthy certificates;
 - (iii) municipal services, such as water and electricity, property rates, refuse removal, rental payments, collections, etc;
 - (iv) issuing of clearance certificates; and
 - (v) meter reading;
- (e) undertake emergency procurement within the framework of the Disaster Management Act, 2002(Act No. 57 of 2002), and the applicable COVID-19 Regulations and National Treasury notices or instructions;
- (f) report all procurement undertaken during the period of the national state of disaster to council meetings;
- (g) submit reports in compliance with section 24(4) to 24(8) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002.

6.7.5 Municipal councils that are due to fill vacancies in any of the positions of municipal office-bearers may request the Electoral Commission (IEC) to manage the election of such office-bearers.”

3. Commencement date

These Directions will come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.

