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PREAMBLE

Section in terms of section 156(2) of The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, the Local government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 and the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998, the Municipal Council has made the following by-law as set fourth hereunder.

1. No owner of any land within the Municipality shall upon such land allow trees, bushes, weeds or grass to grow or accumulate, in such manner as, in the opinion of the Council, or any authorized employee of the council, is likely to further the spread of fire. Where such trees, bushes, weeds are, or grass or other inflammable matter is found on any land in contravention of this by-law, the Council or any such authorized employee may give notice in writing to the owner of such land requiring him/her to clear such trees, bushes, weeds, grass, or other inflammable matter, or give effect to such precautionary measures as may be set out in such notice within a period to be stated in such notice, failing which the Council may, through its employees, enter upon such land and clear such trees, bushes, weeds, grass or other inflammable matter, or give effect to such precautionary measures as may have been set out in the notice aforesaid, at the cost of such owner, and in addition he / she shall be guilty of a contravention of this by-law.

2. No owner of any site within the Municipality shall, on site or in any building on such site, keep any fodder or other combustible stores, or stock or store timber, coal or other inflammable material, in such quantities or in such manner as, in the opinion of the Council or any duly authorized employee of the Council, is likely to cause the outbreak or spread of fire. Where such fodder, timber, coal or other inflammable material is, or other combustible stores are found on any site or in any building on such site in contravention of this by-law, the Council or any such authorized employee may give notice in writing to the owner of such site to give effect to such measures, for purpose of eliminating the danger likely to cause the outbreak or spread of fire, as shall be set out in the notice aforesaid within a period to be specified in such notice, failing which, the Council may, through its employees, enter upon such site and/ or building and give effect to the terms of such notice at the cost of the owner, and in addition he/she shall be guilty of a contravention of this by-law.
3. No person shall on any premises, street or land within the Municipality, burn or cause or permit to be burned any rubbish, trees, weeds or grass, or make or cause or permit to be made any bonfire in such manner or under such conditions as may endanger life or property or cause annoyance to the inhabitants of the neighborhood. Any person contravening any of this by-law shall be guilty of an offence.

4. Any person contravening any provision of this by-law shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction to a penalty not exceeding R-----
(Council to approve)

5. **SHORT TITLE & COMMENCEMENT**

This By -law shall be known as the By-law For Preventing Conditions Likely to Cause or Further the Spread of Fires and shall come into operation the day on which they are approved by the Council, and published in the Provincial Gazette.