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## New waste by-law introduced by municipality – illegal dumpers beware

**Krugersdorp** — Mogale City Local Municipality (MCLM) has officially adopted a revised Waste Management By-Law, which significantly enhances efforts to combat illegal dumping, a problem that damages the environment and costs millions annually to address.

MCLM communications officer Tendani Shavhani said this updated law introduces a more modern and sustainable waste management approach focused on reducing, reusing, and recycling waste, which will be enforced by three dedicated waste enforcement vehicles and the appointment of full-time by-law

officers. These officers will patrol at the numerous identified hotspots throughout Mogale City. "Key changes include allowing licensed private contractors to provide waste services under municipal supervision. However, misuse by unlicensed operators has led to rampant illegal dumping, prompting stricter enforcement measures. In response, the municipality has introduced an integrated waste management model, promoting collaboration between public and private sectors," she said.

**She added that these new initiatives include:**

- Registration of small-scale waste collectors

and buy-back centre operators

- Use of Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers for operational support

- Launch of new vehicles dedicated to by-law enforcement

She stated these efforts also support local economic development by helping small businesses and informal waste collectors access recyclable materials more easily.

"In addition, partnerships with Producer Responsibility Organisations are funding community waste minimisation projects. Recycling bins for electronics and other materials have been

placed in public spaces like malls and schools. With the by-law now active, enforcement has ramped up. Offenders may face steep fines, vehicle impoundments or jail time. The message is clear: Legal waste disposal options exist and illegal dumping is a deliberate and punishable offence," she concluded.

Resident can report illegal dumping to MCLM through the following communication channels:

- Via email at [customerservices@mogalecity.gov.za](mailto:customerservices@mogalecity.gov.za)

- By sending a *WhatsApp* to 083 787 2814

- By contacting 086 166 4253