



HAVE YOUR SAY! PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN: MUNICIPAL PLANNING BY-LAW, 2015

The City of Cape Town: Municipal Planning By-law, 2015 (MPBL), which includes the City of Cape Town Development Management Scheme (DMS) as schedule 3, has been implemented in the City of Cape Town since 1 July 2015 and has been amended on a few occasions.

Further amendments are now proposed, which broadly seeks to do three things:

- to make the grant of building plan approvals transparent, by requiring public notice of every building plan approval and by giving surrounding neighbours access to the approved building plan and the reasons for it;
- to rework Chapter 8A of the By-law, which deals with the rectification of approvals and building plan approvals, into a consent-based process supported by a new third-party complaint mechanism; and
- to correct errors in, and clarify, certain provisions of the MPBL and the DMS, including the provisions that preserve approvals granted under the previous planning laws.

In terms of section 17 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000, the public and interested parties or groups are given the opportunity to submit comments on the proposals during the following period: 3 to 17 July 2026.

Comments can be submitted by:

Email: lums@capetown.gov.za

Website: www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay

More details, including the proposed amendment by-law and explanatory memorandum are available here: www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay.

The City's Public Participation Unit will assist people who cannot read or write, people living with disabilities and people from disadvantaged groups who are unable to submit comments or suggestions, to have their comments or suggestions recorded and submitted to the City.

For general public participation enquiries and for disadvantaged groups, contact Anthea Bendie on 021 400 1450 or email Anthea.Bendie@capetown.gov.za.

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