



## Steve Tshwete Local Municipality

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### MEDIA RELEASE:

#### Public input requested for amendments to by-laws

The municipality recently advertised in the local media for inputs from the community regarding the amendment of two bylaws, and is again inviting comments.

The two by-laws that are to be amended relate to Street Trading and Community Halls.

In terms of the Constitution of South Africa and Local Government Municipal Systems Act – the amendment of bylaws needs public input.

The amendment to the Street Trading by-law concerns **Ice Cream Vendors**. There was a request from trading in ice cream that municipal by-laws need to be reviewed and take account of ice cream vendors.

The municipality proposes to amend the existing Street Traders by-law to permit ice cream vendors trading on self-propelled vehicles, such as bicycles, tricycles or on foot to trade in any street within residential areas and adjacent to school premises, as long as they do not interfere or obstruct the free flow of traffic.

The municipality also proposes to amend the Community Halls by-law (please refer to STLM website: <http://www.stevetshwetelm.gov.za> to view this and other by-laws).

Currently other government departments can use community halls free of charge. The municipality proposes to amend the existing by-law so that other government departments must pay 50% of the cost of hiring a hall for the number of days used.

These departments may still use the Council Chamber or committee rooms at the municipality free of charge.

The proposal for the amendment is due to loss of income that could be generated from hiring out halls for business or private functions.

The community is urgently requested to scrutinise and comment on these proposed amendments.

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Yours faithfully

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