



## Media release

### **Assessment of damage to properties because of public unrest, July 2021.**

As Msunduzi Municipality counts the costs of July's unrest with millions of Rands in lost revenue, looted goods and damaged property, the Municipality is seeking to find ways to extend relief to affected property owners. The Municipality has conducted a preliminary assessment of the affected properties and has reduced the property values of these properties in the valuation roll in terms of section 78 (1) (d) of the Municipal Property Rates Act. A service provider, with a team of structural engineer, quantity surveyor and property Valuer has also been appointed to assist the Municipality in conducting a comprehensive assessment of the impact of the public unrest on buildings. This exercise will assist the City in making informed decisions about the re-build process within the built environment.

The assessment will quantify the estimated cost of the damages to affected properties and extend relief through supplementary valuations. Where relief has been granted the relief offered will be validated through this process. The Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 6 of 2005, section 78(1)(d) provides for revaluations where there is a significant decrease in market value following the last general valuation. All valuation adjustments through section 78, MPRA, will be retrospective to the date of the event, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Property owners whose buildings were damaged in the unrest are invited to complete the digital application form which may be accessed through: <https://msunduziunrest.paperform.co/>

The application period is open from 2<sup>nd</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. If you have already approached the City for rates relief may we request that you complete this form to formalise your application.

If you are unable to access the digital form or require assistance to complete the survey form, please approach the Valuations department, located at the Professor Nyembezi Building - 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

For other technical please contact the valuations department on: 033 392 2274/2279/2004/2455

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