



ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

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ETHEKWINI FASTTRACKS RECOVERY MEASURES FOR BUSINESSES

EThekweni Municipality has reviewed its Economic Recovery Plan in response to the recent civil unrest. The plan now makes provision for special relief measures for all businesses affected by protests in the City. The plan is a joint effort between government departments and stakeholders to ensure a coordinated response with large, small and informal business formations, civil society, and academia to ensure economic stability and recovery.

The immediate short-term goals are to coordinate a safety response, to support business restart, to retain investment, to reinforce social cohesion and to ensure that public sector employment is labour intensive in support of job creation. A business impact survey is currently underway. The survey can be accessed via

<https://ecv.microsoft.com/oFPK8ME4Wg>.

At a virtual meeting convened today between the City and captains of industry the Mayor, Councillor Mxolisi Kaunda, reinforced the municipality's commitment to walk the journey of recovery and the revival of the economy with them.

A one stop business support service is being established at the Durban Exhibition Centre. A hotline that will provide information to businesses to help them to restart is also being established.

Recovery interventions currently accessible include reconstruction of buildings damaged by fire

During the unrest several buildings (including commercial, warehousing) were set alight. Given the urgent economic need to have these establishments functioning again, the Development Planning, Environment and Management Unit of the Economic Development and Planning Cluster advises all affected owners that a complete building plan application in terms of the National Building Regulations Act is not required to be submitted to the local authority where a building has been damaged due to a fire. This is only on condition that the rebuild does not alter the current footprint and is in strict accordance with the building plan that was previously approved.

Owners embarking on reconstruction must first submit a request in writing to the relevant building inspectorate office for the necessary direction prior to commencement of any works

and for the issuing of a certificate of occupancy on completion of the project as required. Occupation certificates will be issued within a maximum period of ten days following submission of the required documents. For further enquiries and advice, contact Daniels Pentasaib (Senior Manager: Building Inspectorate) on 031 311 7975 or Daniels.Pentasaib@durban.gov.za

KZN Violence: How to Claim from your insurance.

The Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be hosting a webinar for business that were affected by last week's unrest in KZN and Gauteng. Do you have questions about insurance claims, processes, and timelines? Then join GIFS and the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry tomorrow (Friday). Click here to join the 10am session: <https://zoom.us/j/94371873076>

To access all relief information go to www.durban.gov.za

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