



UMDONI MUNICIPALITY
THE JEWEL OF THE SOUTH COAST

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTIES WITHIN UMDONI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL. NOTICE NO: MN 66/2026.

Notice is hereby given to all property owners to stop removing and pruning the indigenous and protected trees within the jurisdiction of Umdoni Municipality without a permit from Umdoni Municipality and/or a license from the Department of Forestry and Fisheries. This follows numerous complaints about property owners removing indigenous and protected trees without the necessary documents from the municipality or government departments.

The Umdoni Municipality had developed a tree policy, adopted by the Umdoni Municipality council. The main purpose of the tree policy is to guide the indigenous tree removal, pruning and replacement within the Umdoni municipal area with the following objectives:

- To promote sustainable development and ensure that the natural character of the area is retained.
- To protect and preserve indigenous trees, especially the protected trees, as declared in the National Forests Act 84 of 1998.
- To eradicate the alien invasive vegetation as specified in the Conservation Agriculture Resource Acts
- To rehabilitate and revegetate the Umdoni municipal Area in such a manner as to promote health and an aesthetically appealing lifestyle.

Should you fail to comply with this notice, the Umdoni Municipality will take legal action against the transgressor.

The Umdoni Municipality has the authority to impose severe penalties or fines for any indigenous tree harmed or removed without a permit. Therefore, it is in the property owner's best interest to ensure that indigenous and protected trees are not removed, pruned, or harmed without a permit or license.

Should you require assistance, do not hesitate to contact Mr A.Bhengu via email at andreasb@umdoni.gov.za, Environmental Section.

Your urgent attention and cooperation regarding these matters are required.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

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ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER
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