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PUBLIC NOTICE
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URGENT FRAUD ALERT: IMPERSONATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND FRAUDULENT REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT

The Phumelela Local Municipality issues a strong warning to all contractors, consultants, service providers, and members of the public regarding fraudulent emails currently circulating in the name of the Chief Financial Officer. The fraudulent email being used is: cfo@phumelela.gov.za.

An unknown individual is impersonating the Chief Financial Officer by creating fake email accounts and using them to unlawfully request or demand money from members of the public. These emails are false, illegal, and have no connection to the Municipality or any of its officials.

The Municipality distances itself from these communications in the strongest terms. No official of the Municipality is authorised to request money, payment, or any form of financial assistance through email or informal communication. Any message of this nature must be treated as a scam.

All procurement and financial dealings of the Municipality are handled strictly in line with the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), Supply Chain Management Regulations, and approved municipal policies. These processes are formal and cannot be influenced through private emails or personal requests.

Members of the public are strongly advised not to respond to these emails and under no circumstances should any payment be made. In addition, the Municipality is taking this matter

seriously and is working with the relevant authorities to trace those responsible and ensure that action is taken.

Any suspicious emails or communication should be reported immediately to the Municipality through official channels for verification.

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