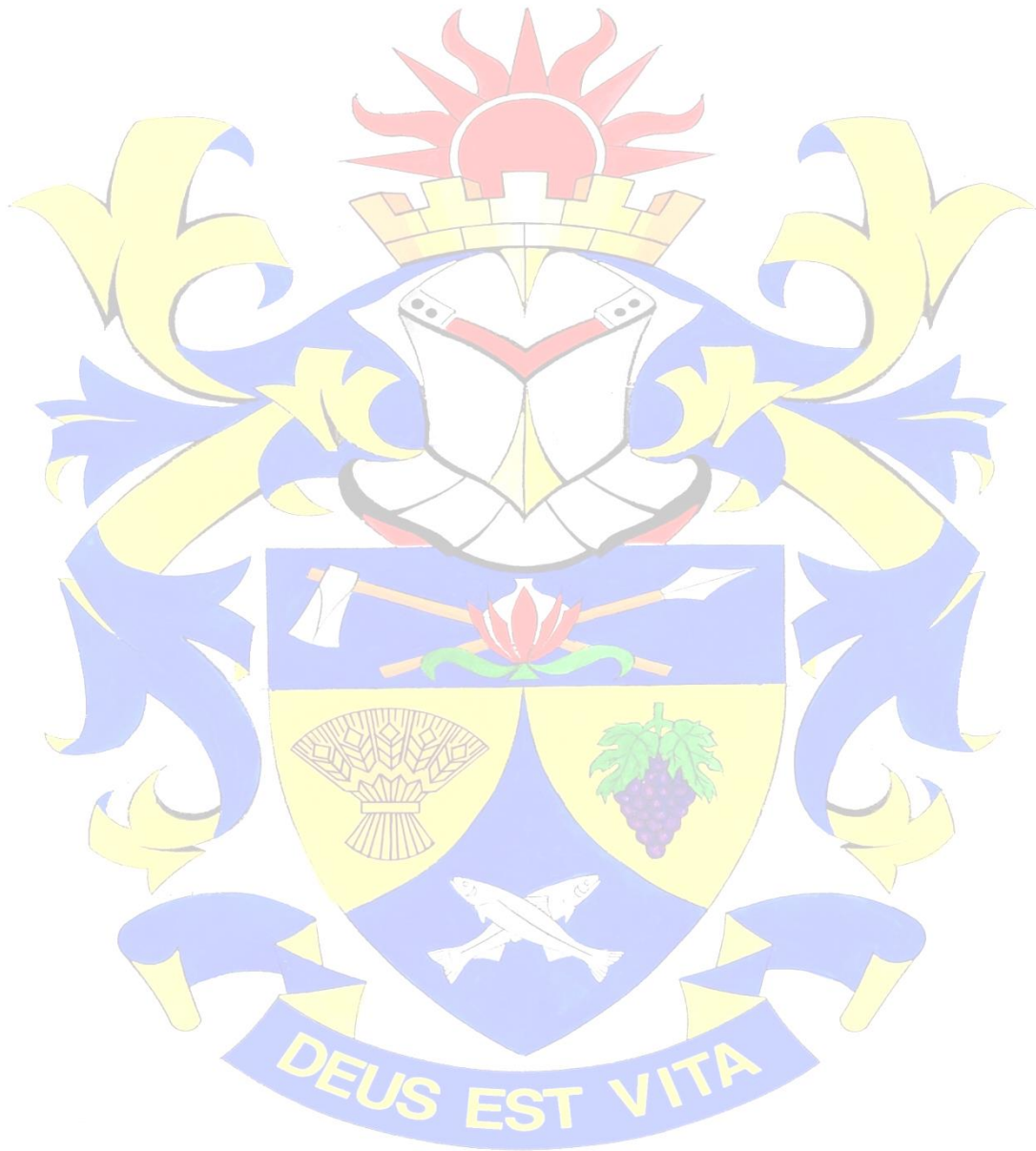


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PETTY CASH POLICY 2021/2022

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1. INTRODUCTION

The accounting officer of a municipality is responsible for the management of the expenditure

of the municipality in an effective and controlled manner. Therefore the Bergrivier Municipality adopts the following petty cash policy.

2. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- a) The Municipal Finance Management Act (56 of 2003)
- b) Section 15 of the Municipal Supply Chain Regulations
- c) Treasury regulations in terms of Section 13(1) of the Act.

3. OBJECTIVES

Compliance with the regulatory framework in terms of the relevant legislation is required.

4. RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The key responsibilities in terms of the MFMA (Section 65) are:

Accounting Officer (Municipal Manager)-

(1) The accounting officer of a municipality is responsible for the management of the expenditure of the municipality.

(2) The accounting officer must for the purpose of subsection (1) take all reasonable steps to ensure—

(a) that the municipality has and maintains an effective system of expenditure control, including procedures for the approval, authorisation, withdrawal and payment of funds;

(b) that the municipality has and maintains a management, accounting and information system which—

(i) recognises expenditure when it is incurred;

(ii) accounts for creditors of the municipality; and

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(iii) accounts for payments made by the municipality;

(c) that the municipality has and maintains a system of internal control in respect of creditors and payments;

(d) that payments by the municipality are made—

(i) directly to the person to whom it is due unless agreed otherwise for reasons as may be prescribed; and

(ii) either electronically or by way of non-transferable cheques, provided that cash payments and payments by way of cash cheques may be made for exceptional reasons only, and only up to a prescribed limit;

The Municipal Manager delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer to ensure compliance and adherence to the principles established by this policy.

5. PETTY CASH FRAMEWORK

5.1 General Policy

a. The use of petty cash floats is strictly confined to individual cash purchases of:

i) up to a maximum of R500, where the petty cash floats in other departments are used to make purchases,

ii) Petty cash maybe used for the purchase of prepaid sell phone costs, postage, cleaning products, and minor equipment for example a plug, wire etc. Maybe used to be cost effective items that would not warrant a requisition. Must be minor items.

iii) up to a maximum of R3 000, when claimed from the Financial Services Petty Cash Float, and the Mayor's office up to R5000.00.

iv) the office of the Mayor may make a once off payment above R500.00 but not exceeding R2000.00, the evidence must be attached (Request from the community in writing, program for the event or a written request from the Mayor. Attach the cash receipt with a signature or an actual receipt from the business for the items purchased from.)

b. It is not acceptable for one receipt or a number of receipts, in respect of the same event, which have been obtained by the same person, to be split over two cash purchase claims.

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c. A petty cash float is not to be used for any of the following:

- i) the cashing of cheques;
- ii) loans to any person whatsoever;
- iii) payment of personal remuneration to any employee whatsoever, whether for fees, salaries, wages, travel allowance as part of remuneration, honorarium or other reason.
- iv) Purchase of capital items

d. Other cash floats may also be established for the purpose of providing change, for a cash register, or any other purpose approved by the Chief Financial Officer. Use of such floats is restricted to the purpose for which they were established.

e. The Chief Financial Officer may approve the use of petty cash for specific use, based on practical reasons or cost-benefit reasons. Such an authority will be done on a case by case basis for the purposes of considering merit.

f. The CFO may determine and approve the maximum amount to be held in any individual petty cash float.

g. The petty cash tin must be locked at all times in a safe. The responsible person given the permission to keep the petty cash will be granted permission in writing.

h. Petty Cash maybe used to pay out both donations and make purchases by the Mayor's office only, but evidence must be submitted with either the signatures of receipt of money or an actual receipt from the Supplier/Beneficiary up to an amount not exceeding R2000.00, otherwise a cheque must be requested.

5.2 Purchases through Petty Cash Float – Supply Chain Management Office

a. Purchases from SCM database suppliers shall be allowed in the following instance, provided that a monthly submission are made to the CFO of all purchases and the respective director confirming the enforcement of rotation of suppliers:

i) When the amount of the individual purchase / event is less than R250.00, irrespective of it being an emergency or not.

b. Purchases from SCM database suppliers are NOT allowed for capital items or fuel.

c. Petty claims will be dealt with on a first come, first serve basis and it is subject to the monetary limit of the petty cash.

5.3 Establishing and Operating a Petty Cash Float

a. To establish a new petty cash float or increase an existing advance, a written application is to be made to the Chief Financial Officer by the relevant Department, motivating the need for such petty cash float.

b. The total value of the advance requested will be an amount which would normally necessitate reimbursement approximately once a fortnight. This level of advances keeps to a minimum the overall cash in the buildings on municipal property and

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ensures regular inclusion of information regarding expenditure in financial reports and for budget control purposes.

c. A request for the establishment of an advance will indicate the name and status of senior administrative or clerical staff to be held responsible for the operation of the petty cash float. The staff member's specimen signature must also be submitted by the Department to the Chief Financial Officer, together with the application documentation.

d. The application will indicate the security arrangement in place to ensure safe custody of funds in the office. The minimal security arrangement that will be acceptable is that the float will be kept in a locked box which will be kept in a locked filing cabinet or safe. If an advance is approved, the Assistant Accountant: Creditors will advise the Department accordingly and request that the responsible staff member collect the advance. This establishing advance will be charged to a "Petty Cash Advances - ...Name/Dept..." in the General Ledger and not against any expenditure votes. A register of advances is thus maintained per Ledger Account for the purpose of accounting for all petty cash floats.

5.4 Security of Petty Cash Floats

a. The cash on hand and used petty cash vouchers are to be kept in a locked box for which there should be two keys. One key is to be retained by the officer (on their person) normally responsible for the petty cash and the other to be kept in a sealed envelope in the office safe or other secure place, to be used only in an emergency.

b. The locked petty cash box must be kept in a secure place/safe when not in use and should be removed and returned by the responsible staff member only. At no stage should staff other than the responsible administrative/clerical staff member have access to the storage place of the petty cash box. **If the locked petty cash box is in a draw, the draw must be locked at all times and the keys be kept safe with the responsible staff member.**

c. Under no circumstance are keys to be left in the lock to the petty cash box, cabinet or safe.

d. If the responsible officer is either going on leave or is leaving the Municipality's employment, the petty cash float is to be reconciled and signed by the departing- as well as replacement staff members, to indicate their agreement as to its balance. The replacement staff specimen signature must also be submitted to the Chief Financial Officer and Director responsible.

5.5 Completing a Cash Purchase Claim Form

a. Petty cash stationery is available from the Expenditure Section (Financial Services). The form consists of two parts:

(i) Cash Purchase Claim page

(ii) Cash Purchase Record page - register

(iii) Receipt for cash advance (Only when appropriate, refer paragraph on Advances).

b. All details entered on the Cash Purchase Claim appear on the Cash Purchase record page.

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c. The Cash Purchase Claim must be completed as follows:

- (i) description and cost of the goods/services purchased
- (ii) purchaser's signature
- (iii) vote number to be charged
- (iv) signature of the Officer in Charge of Petty Cash.

d. Original receipts or other valid documentation as required must be attached as proof of payment, with the signature of an appropriate financial delegate on this documentation. A financial delegate cannot authorise a cash purchase claim where she or he is the purchaser.

5.6 Sub-Advances to staff members

a. If it is necessary to make an initial sub-advance to a staff member for various needs, a receipt for cash advance must be completed. The receipt for Cash Advance Form must be completed as follows:

- (i) description and estimated cost of the goods/services purchased
- (ii) purchaser's signature
- (iii) vote number to be charged
- (iv) signature of the Officer in Charge of Petty Cash.

b. On completion of the purchase, the recording-, documentation- and authorization requirements will be as stated in the above paragraph: Completing a Cash Purchase Claim Form.

All such sub-advances will be accounted for within 24 hours, by submitting original receipts and other applicable documentation required, attached as proof of payment (with the approval signature on the documentation). Where this cannot be achieved, the buyer will be liable to pay back the advance without any delay or the money will be deducted on his/her next salary irrespective of consent being given or noted. Not more than one advance will be made to any one person at a time.

5.7 Out-of-Pocket Payments

a. Where a staff member has made purchases from their own funds and now seeks reimbursement from the petty cash, supporting documentation must be provided to substantiate the claim.

b. The supporting documentation is to be attached to the Claim.

c. The recording-, documentation- and authorization requirements will be as stated in the above paragraph (Completing a Cash Purchase Claim Form).

5.8 Reimbursement of Petty Cash Floats

a. A petty cash float is operated on the basis that expenditure from the float is periodically reimbursed. Such reimbursement-

- (i) returns the cash level of the petty cash float to its original level and
- (ii) charges the expenditure which has been made, to the correct expenditure vote.

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b. Accordingly, at any point of time, the sum of the cash on hand, i.e. remaining unspent, plus the cash advances for un-finalised purchases, plus the completed cash purchase claim forms, will equal the level of the petty cash advanced to the Department.

c. Completed Cash Purchase Claim forms, with attached cash register slips, etc., must be taken by the officer in charge of the Petty Cash in a Directorate/Department, to the Assistant Accountant: Accounts Payable for reimbursement, after the Summary Claim Cover Page and attached documentation have been authorised by a financial delegate at least once in 14 days. Reimbursement of claims where supporting documentation is missing will not be entertained.

d. The prescribed Summary Cash Purchase Claim form as well as other relevant forms attached to it must be completed in full.

e. The most recently completed Cash Purchase Claim form must record the reconciliation of the petty cash float. The Assistant Accountant: Accounts Payable will refuse reimbursement of claims where this is not supplied.

f. A petty cash float must never be reimbursed with funds derived from any other source whatsoever.

5.9 Shortages

a. Any shortages in respect of a petty cash float must be paid in immediately.

b. Where a petty cash float is stolen the incident must be reported promptly to the Chief Financial Officer in the required format, after which same needs to be reported to the South African Police Services and a case number provided to the Assistant Accountant: Accounts Payable.

c. If the Petty Cash is not reconciled daily, weekly or monthly and there is non adherence to the Petty Cash Policy disciplinary action can be instituted by Bergrivier Municipality.

5.10 Procedure applicable when a Petty Cash Float is repaid/cancelled

When an advance is no longer required, a statement in a form of a memorandum is to be completed and signed by the Head of the relevant Department and submitted to the Assistant Accountant: Accounts Payable, with the balance of cash on hand and completed and authorized Cash Purchase Claim forms. The most recently completed Cash Purchase Claim form will record the reconciliation of the petty cash float, where after a cheque will be issued to the relevant person to effect completion of the transaction..

The Cashier will issue a receipt to the affected department.

5.11 Financial year-end procedures

Reconciled petty cash registers (cash slips attached), accompanied with the cash balance must be returned to the Senior Accountant: Expenditure a week before the financial year end.

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Addendum:-

The register must be on excel and should look like the undermentioned format for each month of the financial year:-

The reconciliation must be done daily and closed off on a monthly basis, and signed off by the relevant Director/Manager.

This is an example:-

KLEINKAS FINANSIES					
Besonderhede	MPTENAA	DATUM	VOTE	UITGAWES	BALANS
Openings balans	Aanvulling				R 2 000,00
FOX BOUERS	UVW	2018-12-10	012/061/2270/00	R 22,50	R1 977,50
PIKETBERG DRUKKERS	PA	2018-12-11	012/102/2430/00	R 130,80	R1 846,70
E KANKOWSKI	EK	2018-12-15	012/102/2140/00	R 89,95	R1 756,75
STIK EN STOFFEER	EK	2018-12-18	012/102/2140/00	R 200,00	R1 556,75
CRAZY STORE	ES	2018-12-18	012/102/2140/00	R 249,90	R1 306,85
BOLAND SPAR	EK	2018-12-18	012/102/2570/00	R 144,50	R1 162,35
ZAP ZONE	HJ	2018-12-19	012/061/2270/00	R 100,00	R1 062,35
C TURNER	CT	2019-01-02	012/061/2060/00	R 200,00	R 862,35
PIKETBERG DRUKKERS	EK	2019-01-18	012/102/2430/00	R 73,30	R 789,05
CRAZY STORE	EK	2019-01-18	012/102/2430/00	R 19,90	R 769,15
MAGNOLIA KEYS	EK	2019-01-25	012/061/2270/00	R 120,00	R 649,15
BOLAND SPAR	EK	2019-01-30	012/063/2570/00	R 97,10	R 552,05
			012/063/2570/00	R 33,80	R 518,25
PIKETBERG BANDEDIENS	MC	2019-02-05	012/061/3090/00	R 84,30	R 433,95
MIDAS	MC	2019-02-05	012/061/2270/00	R 96,00	R 337,95
UITGAWES TOTAAL				R 1 662,05	
BALANS					R 337,95
AANVRAAG					R1 662,05

ADDENDUM

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Sample of an advance taken to go and purchase goods etc:-

CASH ADVANCE VOUCHER FORM OFFICE:
DATE:..... AMOUNT ISSUED:R
EXPLANATION (Include general description of purpose for Cash advance)
AMOUNT REQUIRED: R.....VOTE NUMBER.....
RECEIVED BY: Full names
PAY NUMBER: (BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY)
SIGNATURE RECEIVED:.....
CASH ADVANCE ISSUED BY:..... Full names
SIGNATURE ISSUED ADVANCE:.....
<p>This advance must be repaid with cash or receipt proof to the total issued.</p> AMOUNT RETURNED:R..... RECEIPT AMOUNT:.....
RECEIVED BY PETTY CASH CONTROLER: Signature
DATE received and captured in register:.....
Note: - The petty cash can be checked at any time by the Bergrivier Municipality and if not balancing this can lead to disciplinary action according to the Bergrivier Municipalities disciplinary code and policy.