



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

**Councillor Belinda Echeozonjoku**

Caucus Leader of the Democratic Alliance

**FROM:** CLLR BELINDA ECHEOZONJOKU  
**TO:** CLLR SELLO DADA MORERO  
OFFICE OF THE MMC OF FINANCE  
**CC:** MR FLOYD BRINK  
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CLLR CHRIS AVANT-SMITH  
DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP OF THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE  
**DATE:** 3 JULY 2024  
**SUBJECT:** ELECTRICITY TARIFF SURCHARGE

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Dear MMC

Trust you are well.

Ward Councillors have been inundated with calls from residents with a serious outcry regarding this surcharge on electricity. As you know Ward Councillors cannot answer some of these questions.

Some concerns raised by residents:

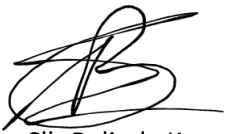
- No clarity on whether this is a monthly or per purchase charge, some have been charged on more than one purchase.
- Some residential meters charged as business despite being residential.
- No public notice and education on business surcharge, only on the R230 (including vat), residents feel this is deceptive from the city side.
- Public comments were not properly considered and, in some cases, ignored.

I am requesting that the city urgently review and possibly do away with this surcharge on top of the increase as the 12.7% already is quite a hefty increase for residents who are battling with outages despite there being no loadshedding amid a water crisis.

If you recall, we raised this concern on record in council and advised that this surcharge can almost be viewed as a double charge.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Cllr Belinda Kayser-Echeozonjoku

DA Johannesburg Caucus Leader