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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **POLOKWANE MUNICIPALITY URGES COMPLIANCE WITH LAND DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSING REGULATIONS**

By the directive from the President of South Africa, **Polokwane Municipality** encourages compliance by businesses with existing policies and frameworks for land development and business operations, including the *Spaza and Tavern Policy, 2000*, *Polokwane Municipal Planning By-Law, 2017*, *Polokwane Spatial Development Framework, 2024* and *Polokwane Integrated Land Use Scheme, 2022*.

The compliance measures or regulations among others, seek to ensure safe food handling across all food premises including stalls, retail shops, spaza shops, and mobile vendors to protect public health in consideration of the recent food-poisoning-related cases reported across the country.

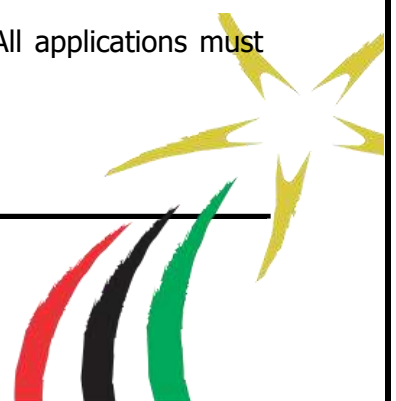
It is for this reason that the municipality advises community members to submit land development applications through the outlined processes. Application forms and checklists are available at the **Civic Centre** (City and Regional Planning Office, 2nd Floor, West Wing) or on the municipality's website under the AFLA Portal ([www.polokwane.gov.za](http://www.polokwane.gov.za)). Municipal officials are available to assist with queries via phone or in-person visits.

It is also worth noting that business licenses for spaza shops are administered by the **Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism in Limpopo (LEDET)** under the *Limpopo Business Registration Act, 2003*. Applicants must secure land use rights from the municipality before applying for licenses.

Applications for hawker permits are open until 31 December 2024. Application forms are available at the Economic Development and Tourism Office (Ground Floor, **Civic Centre**).

The Certificate of Acceptability, a critical requirement for food business operations, can only be applied for once the land development application has been approved.

Submission of applications does **not guarantee** automatic approval. All applications must comply with applicable municipal by-laws and prescribed time frames.



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Polokwane Municipality remains dedicated to creating an environment that **prioritizes** public safety while supporting compliant business operations.

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