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Department assists municipalities to draft rules of order

The Department of Local Government and Human Settlements in Bokone Bophirima is stepping in to assist municipalities have standard rules of order for council meetings.

MEC Galaletsang Gaolaolwe has embarked on a series of consultation with all relevant stakeholders, i.e. Speakers and SALGA Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) members to discuss the proposed standard rules of order, before they go for publishing in the Provincial Gazette for public comments. The Municipal Systems Act (MSA) of 2000 Section 59 (2) (f) dictates to municipalities to review its delegation "when a new council is elected or, if it is a district council, elected and appointed".

Chapter 3 Section 14(2) of the MSA allows the MEC for Local Government, by notice in the Provincial Gazette, to make standard draft by-laws concerning any matter, including standard draft rules and orders. for which municipal council in the province may make by laws.

"The rules of order include a number of issues which will guide Speakers on a number of issues, i.e. giving notice of a council meeting, drafting council agenda, taking minutes of meetings, motions and petitions, code of conduct for councillors etc. She said Section 160 of the Constitution, 1996, allows a municipal council to make by-laws which prescribes rules and orders for internal arrangements, business and proceedings, establishment, composition, procedures, powers and functions of its committees", she said.

Once the rules of orders have been gazette, all municipalities will have them adopted by councils, for implementation.

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