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New Parking meters in Tzaneen CBD

As of the 1st of October 2014 motorists will start paying for parking spaces in the Tzaneen Central Business District (CBD). Motorists will have to buy smartcards, which are currently available at municipal offices in Agatha Street and other shops in the CBD.

According to Johannes Malatji who is the Manager for Law Enforcement at the Greater Tzaneen Municipality the smartcards will also be available at selected shops for customer convenience and easy accessibility. There are currently 25 meters installed and more are still to come as the project is still a pilot.

The meters have been installed in two streets only, Danie Joubert Street and Morgan Street. The two streets have 135 parking spaces between them. Malatji said that it will cost R5 an hour to park and smart cards will start R20.

There will traffic wardens who will assist motorists with the meters as well as to monitor the parking area. BCIT which is the company appointed to install the meters has already appointed and trained seven traffic wardens who will ensure compliance with the new system. The traffic wardens have powers to issue traffic fines for traffic violation and the fine will be start at R150.00.

The smartcards are also available at the following shops:

- Hlulani Communications next to Capain Derego
- 4u Cellular and Electronic next to Roots Butchery
- Computer and All (Next to Old Mutual behind FNB)

Negotiations with other outlets to sell the smart cards are ongoing.

The smartcards will be available at the following prices:

- R20.00
- R35.00
- R55.00
- R95.00

Each card will be worth R15, which means that a R20 card will only have R5.00 parking amount.

The R15 is refundable when a motorist returns the card to the shop. In a situation where motorist want to more parking time, they will have to buy a card with more credit.

So in simple terms a R20 card will only have R5 credit and a R35 card will have R20 credit. The R15 will always remain on the card as a deposit. Motorist are urged to cooperate with the wardens and to comply.

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