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PUBLIC NOTICE

MANDATORY MEETING FOR SPAZA SHOP/ FOOD HANDLING SHOP OWNERS ON FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS

As per the President of the Country Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa's speech on 15 September 2024, following the tragic deaths of 22 children after consuming snacks from spaza shops, new measures are being implemented to improve food safety standards across the country. These measures include the mandatory registration of all spaza shops and food handling facilities by municipalities. **Failure to registration will lead to the shop being closed.**

In line with this directive, all spaza shop owners are required to register their businesses with the relevant authorities within 21 days, starting from 15 November 2024. Any food handling facility that fails to comply with these requirements, or does not meet health standards, will be closed.

In order to ensure that shop owners are fully informed about the registration process, health standards, and the actions they must take to comply with the new regulations, a mandatory meeting has been scheduled as follows:

Date: 21 November 2024 Venue: Zastron Town Hall

Time: 10:00 AM

This meeting is crucial for all spaza shop/food handling shop owners to understand the new food safety laws, register their businesses in compliance with the law, and gain the necessary knowledge on how to ensure the safety of the food they provide to the community.

Please avail yourselves to this meeting, as you will be joined by the Environmental Health Practitioners to assist with the registration and information sharing.

Yours truly

Mr. Mopedi Mohale Acting Municipal Manager

