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Media Statement

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City Executes High-Impact, Multi-Disciplinary Operations to Restore Law and Order in Randburg and Midrand

The City of Johannesburg, led by City Manager Dr Floyd Brink, today undertook five coordinated, multi-disciplinary enforcement and service delivery operations as part of its High Impact Service Delivery Programme, involving Citizen Relationship and Urban Management (CRUM), Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department, Johannesburg Roads Agency, Pikitup, City Power, and the South African Police Service (SAPS).

These operations targeted persistent by-law contraventions, illegal activities, infrastructure degradation, and public safety risks across Randburg and Midrand.

Randburg CBD Intervention

The first operation focused on the Randburg Central Business District, a key economic node experiencing a concentration of illegal and non-compliant activities.

Interventions addressed:

- Severe litter and waste accumulation, exacerbated by recent operational challenges;
- Illegal informal trading and informal mechanical operations;
- Traffic congestion and safety risks caused by illegal parking;
- Illegal land use and widespread by-law contraventions;
- Grass cutting, horticultural maintenance, pothole patching, and road markings; and
- Integrated traffic management and enforcement measures.

The operation aimed to stabilise the CBD, restore order, and improve safety and cleanliness.

Kyalami Road Informal Settlement

The second operation took place at an informal settlement along Kyalami Road, where:

- Two illegal shebeens were shut down and alcohol was confiscated;
- An illegal gambling machine was confiscated by SAPS;
- Illegal electricity connections were identified and addressed; and
- Unlawful informal trading activities were dealt with.

Noordwyk SPAR

An additional enforcement operation was conducted at Noordwyk SPAR, where:

- Illegal traders were removed, and trading material was confiscated by JMPD.

The City wishes to clarify that documentation issued by Environmental Health (COA) does not grant permission to trade in a public space.

- A COA only confirms hygienic food-handling standards.
- Consent to occupy a public trading space can only be issued by the Department of Economic Development (DED) and JMPD.
- Traders operating without this authorisation are unlawfully occupying public space and will be removed.

Residents wishing to trade lawfully are advised to engage through the City's official platform: <https://informaltrader.joburg.org.za/>

Midrand – Cheeky Tiger

This operation focused on Cheeky Tiger in Midrand, where inspections revealed:

- Illegal land use, with the establishment operating a club under a hotel liquor licence;
- Municipal accounts were confirmed to be up to date; however
- Seventy-three (73) rooms were uncovered on site, reportedly used by employees for “rest”, and are now subject to further regulatory and compliance investigation.

Midrand – Hongbo Entertainment

The fourth operation targeted Hongbo Entertainment, where officials identified illegal land encroachment and occupation without the required approvals or documentation, prompting enforcement action in line with applicable legislation.

Humanitarian Considerations

Across all operations, the City prioritised human dignity, with a specific focus on displaced individuals, ensuring that affected persons were referred for shelter and support interventions through appropriate City channels.

Commitment to High-Impact Service Delivery

These operations demonstrate a decisive, coordinated, and visible response by the City to address disorder, illegality, and infrastructure decay. The City of Johannesburg reiterates that key economic nodes such as Randburg CBD will remain a priority, and that illegal activities, unsafe practices, and by-law contraventions will not be tolerated.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to comply with municipal by-laws and report illegal activities through official City channels:

- **Anti-Fraud and Corruption Hotline:** 0800 025 87
- **Email:** Whistle@joburg.org.za
- **Walk-in:** 48 Ameshoff Street, SAPPI Building, Braamfontein
 - 6th Floor: Fraud, Corruption, Theft and Maladministration
 - 7th Floor: Property Hijacking and Compliance Investigation

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