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### **HOMEOWNER VINDICATED AFTER COJ'S 'ILLEGAL USE' PROPERTY RATES DECLARED UNLAWFUL**

This article reports on a case at the High Court which considered the imposition of an additional charge in rates and taxes for an “illegal use” of part of the property as a home exercise studio. The taxpayer had been granted a business licence for the use by Randburg Town Council which was later devolved to the City of Johannesburg. The High Court ordered the City to reverse all charges against the taxpayer.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Homeowner vindicated after CoJ's 'illegal use' property rates declared unlawful - Moneyweb](#)

### **CAPE TOWN'S BUDGET BATTLE: MAYOR DEFENDS FIXED CHARGES AMID LEGAL CHALLENGES**

This article reports that the South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) have taken legal action to challenge the inclusion of 3 tariffs - the Cleaning Tariff, the Fixed Water Charge, and the Fixed Sanitation Charge – based on property value bands derived from the Valuation Roll. The article details the arguments put forward by both the mayor of the City of Cape Town and representatives of SAPOA.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Cape Town's budget battle: Mayor defends fixed charges amid legal challenges](#)