

**Proposed Special Rating Area: Onrus & Vermont (Overstrand Ward 13)**  
**Voorgestelde Spesiale Aanslaggebied: Onrus & Vermont (Overstrand Wyk 13)**

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The Director: Finance  
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Dear Ms Reyneke-Naudé

**APPLICATION TO HAVE ONRUS-VERMONT ESTABLISHED AS A SPECIAL RATING AREA**

The Steering Committee of the proposed Onrus-Vermont Special Rating Area hereby officially applies for the establishment of Onrus-Vermont as a special rating area ) in terms of the Overstrand Municipality: Special Rating Area By-Law, 2016 read together with the Overstrand Municipality: Special Rating Area Policy, as amended (1 July 2019), to include all properties in the area bound the boundaries of Onrus, From the Onrus Main Road/R43 intersection in the East to the Vermont Lynx Road/R43 intersection in the West, the coastline on the south, and the ward's boundary on the mountain on the north. This includes all areas in Ward 13 Overstrand Municipality including Onrus, Onrus North, Berghof, Vermont & Paradise Park.

The following supporting documents have been sent to your office:

1. The final business plan of the proposed OVSRA which includes the motivation, the implementation plan and the five year term budget (1.1 Onrus Vermont SRA MOI, Timeline & Committee.pdf & 1.2 Onrus Vermont SRA Operational & Business Plan.pdf).
2. The report of the urban management survey (2.1 Research Feedback\_Onrus Vermont SRA Perception Survey\_Nov 2017.pdf). With this report also find:
  1. 2.2 Onrus Vermont Perception Survey Data 2 Oct 2017.xlsx
  2. The ratepayers' surveys filled in by hand will be delivered to your office. These responses were manually captured on SurveyMonkey.
  3. The project journal (3.0 Onrus Vermont SRA Journal.pdf)
  4. A list of frequently asked questions and answers as made available to property owners (4.0 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.pdf).
  5. The notice for the proposed OVSRA first public meeting, held in the Dutch Reformed Church, Onrus (5.0 OVSRA FPM Notice.pdf). The same notice was also sent by email to all the property owners whose email address were available on the data base OM provided for this purpose. The notice was also published on social media and in the local newspapers.
  6. The presentation (6.0 OVSRA Presentation 2019 09 26.pdf) that was presented at the public meeting.
  7. The minutes of the public meeting (7.0 Minutes of meeting - FIRST PUBLIC MEETING - ESTABLISH A SRA 2019 09 26.pdf).

8. The consent / objection forms used (8.1 OVSRA Consent form hard copy.pdf – The same consent form was used for Survey monkey online voting).
9. The report with regards to obtaining the support of the owners of the majority of rateable properties in Onrus-Vermont (9.0 OVSRA Voting Report.pdf). The steering committee did all in its ability to ensure that the property owners of the various communities in Onrus-Vermont was aware of the proposal and of their right to either give their consent or objection by selecting either the YES or NO on the consent form.
10. The SurveyMonkey report regarding the responses of property owners on the electronic consent form (10.0 Onrus-Vermont SRA Consent Form Onrus-Vermont SAG Instemmingsvorm.xlsx).
11. The consent forms originally filled in by hand will be delivered to your office.
12. The OVSRA consent report (12.0 Consolidated consent results.xlsx). The number of rateable properties of which the owners would be liable to pay the special rate is 4144. The owners of 2236 properties gave their consent. This is 54% of the total number. The responses were spread evenly over the most of Onrus-Vermont and between residential, business and vacant properties. The steering committee asked several persons from the different communities of Onrus-Vermont to encourage property owners to participate in the voting process and also addressed various groups, asking them to persuade their members to participate.

The steering committee is aware of the importance that the steering committee and eventually the members and directors of the non-profit company (should the proposal be approved by the OM council) should be representative of the different communities and that gender representation also needs to be considered.

Kind regards



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OVSRA Steering Committee Chair