



THE COVES GOVERNING BODY NPC
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UPDATE ON COMMUNICATION CIRCULATED 25-03-2020

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Lockdown Period as declared by the South African Government; 26 March 2020 – 16 April 2020

Dear Covers,

Our country has been through very challenging times since the declaration of a National State of Disaster on 15 March 2020, and even more so since the announcement of the National Lockdown on Monday evening. This includes our estate, our residents (and their career-related challenges) our employees, residents' employees and contractors.

We have been communicating regularly the past weeks regarding this pandemic; as well as introducing measures to assist with preventing the virus to spread within the boundaries of the estate. We have had to adjust daily, specifically from an operational point of view to ensure that we can ensure essential service delivery and the safety of all. In this regard we need your full cooperation, please.

The Coves is not exempt from National Regulations. These are not arbitrarily imposed sanctions, or decisions of the Board. This is law, to which the government has thought serious enough to attach criminal punishment if not adhered to. As soon as the Government introduces, or varies any more regulations, we shall adjust our operations, communications and possible restrictions accordingly. Our responses are driven by Regulations, not media reports or interview quotes

The Board and Management have been in discussion daily to find solutions for The Coves. We have also sought legal advice on the Regulations to ensure we understand them correctly, and to assist in communicating their compliance requirements to residents.

Please note that The Coves communications and restrictions communicated prior to 25 March 2020 are not applicable anymore. As you are all aware, the national lockdown commences at midnight tonight. We are all bound to comply with the Regulations issued in terms of the Disaster Management Act. We enclose a copy of the Amended regulations issued in terms of section 27 (2), of the Disaster Management Act 2002, for your consideration. This is current. Read this carefully.

We know that there are reports of Cabinet Ministers making statements on public media that appear to contradict the Regulations. We cannot rely on these reports. We must implement the Regulations unless and until these are amended.

Based on these Regulations, all common facilities and areas such as the clubhouse, the swimming pools, the squash courts, the tennis courts, play areas, waterfront, slipway, etc are closed. Regulation 11B (1) (a) (i) reads:

“every person is confined to his or her place of residence, unless strictly for the purpose of performing an essential service, obtaining an essential good or service, collecting a social grant, or seeking emergency, life-saving, or chronic medical attention.”

As we understand the term “place of residence”, this comprises of your erf (freehold) or your unit (sectional title). Our understanding of this is that it is not lawful to go for a walk with your dog, or to take a jog in the estate. It is not lawful for your children to ride their bicycles, skate or ride scooters outside of your place of residence. Movement by any means outside your residence is thus precluded, except for the published exclusions. These are not Rules of The Coves. These are national Regulations. We urge you to comply with the Regulations. If you do not, because we cannot permit unlawful behaviour, security is mandated to call the SAPS.

Security will not prevent you from leaving the estate. If you do so, the onus is on you to only do so for the purposes permitted in the Regulations.

We urge you to stay at home.

The Board will continue to monitor the situation. We will take heed of any amendments to the Regulations or of any definitive interpretations of the Regulations, as provided by government or our legal counsel. The situation remains fluid.

We wish you all well in this difficult time.



JP Fourie
Chair