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City of Johannesburg Welcomes Court Ruling on Informal Trading in the Inner City

The City of Johannesburg expresses its approval of the recent court ruling that reaffirms its position on regulating informal trading in the inner city. This decision by the court highlights the necessity of establishing a structured and compliant framework for informal traders, ensuring a balanced strategy that fosters economic growth while upholding order and respecting the rights of both residents and businesses.

In light of today's judgment, the Court has directed the City to accelerate the verification process and the issuance of permits to qualified traders. All eligible traders are required to participate in a physical verification. **The City will initiate the verification process tomorrow, 4 November 2025, which will continue until 18 November 2025.** As stated by the Executive Mayor, Morero, "This initiative is designed to formalize trading activities, improve compliance with by-laws, and foster a safe and orderly trading environment."

The verification process will be undertaken as follows:

Date: 04 November 2025

Time: 09:00 to 16:00

Venue: 66 Jorissen Place, Ground Floor, Opportunity Centre, Braamfontein

For informal traders to be eligible to receive permits, they should bring the following original and copies of documents in order to meet requirements:

- a) South African with a green or smart card, subject to verification by the Department of Home Affairs.
- b) A South African and non-South African with an Identification Document (ID), valid Passport, Asylum Seeker permit and/or refugee permit, from 18 years of age and older.
- c) Non-South African citizens must hold a valid passport with a visa issued in terms of section 10 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No.13 of 2002), authorising him or her to operate a business; alternatively, hold an asylum seeker permit issued in terms of section 22 of the Refugees Act, 1998 (Act No. 130 of 1998).
- d) Additional original and copies of documents required includes:
 - Proof of residence (Municipal Bill or Landlord Affidavit)

- Lease Agreement issued by the Johannesburg Property Company (JPC)
- Proof of payment of rent to JPC.
- Certificate of Acceptability from Environmental Health
- Fire Certificate issued by EMS

The City of Johannesburg has consistently asserted that informal trading needs to be governed by the current by-laws and the informal trading policy. Acknowledging the essential contribution of informal traders to the local economy, the City stresses the importance of conducting trading activities in an organised way that honours the rights of all residents and businesses.

MMC Nomoya Mnisi, responsible for Economic Development, reiterates the City's dedication to creating an inclusive, dynamic, and compliant trading atmosphere that serves the interests of all stakeholders and aids in the sustainable development of Johannesburg.

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