



## UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY HAS BEEN SELECTED TO ROLL OUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF ROAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OFFENCES (AARTO)**

The Umzimvubu Local Municipality has been selected as one of the municipalities to rollout the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (AARTO) from the first of July 2026. The AARTO is a system that seeks to improve traffic fines collection and provides serious consequences for motorists who do not adhere to road rules.

The system also aims to improve road safety by holding motorists more accountable through a system of demerit points, discounts for early payment, and a streamlined process for infringement adjudication. The system's main goal is to reduce road traffic contraventions, improve driver accountability through a demerit point system, and lessen the burden on the court system for minor traffic offences.

The Umzimvubu Local Municipality is prioritising awareness campaigns and information sharing platforms about the AARTO to all motorists and residents of Umzimvubu jurisdiction. These awareness campaigns will be conducted from the current month and beyond, with Municipal leadership taking a lead in joining the planned Community Safety Operations by Law Enforcement Agencies.

The Mayor, Cllr Zukiswa Ndevu has expressed appreciation in welcoming the AARTO system, which the Umzimvubu Local Municipality has been selected to implement. "The Municipality can report that it has started with the implementation of the AARTO and urges members of the public, especially motorists, to cooperate and take advantage of all the opportunities that the system bring", said Cllr Ndevu. Relevant stakeholders, such as transport associations within the Umzimvubu jurisdiction, have been thoroughly engaged and have welcomed it.

Furthermore, awareness campaigns are going to be rolled out through various media platforms and community / taxi rank activations.

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