

# OSHANA REGIONAL COUNCIL

# CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER



## THIS CHARTER

- Outlines the service we provide (who we are and What we do)
- Defines who our Customers are
- Reflects our commitment
- Sets standard of service that you can expect from us at all times
- State what we will do if you contact us
- Your view count
- What we ask of you
- Explains how to provide us with feedback and how to make a complain, if you are not satisfied with our service

#### 1. WHO WE ARE

The Oshana Regional Council was established with effect from 31 August 1992 under Section 2 (1) of the Regional Councils Act, 1992 (Act 22 of 1992).

#### **MANDATE**



 The mandate of Oshana Regional Council is to plan, administer and manage the socio-economic development of the region, and to establish, administer and manage Settlement Areas as their local authority.

#### **VISIONS**



• Our vision is for the Oshana Region to be industrialized, self-sufficient with infrastructural, socio-economic development and a better living standard for its inhabitants by 2030.

#### **MISSION**



• The Oshana Regional Council is committed to govern, plan and coordinate socio-economic development programs and projects in partnership with all stakeholders towards the improvement of the living standards of the community and realization of sustainable development.

#### 2. WHAT WE DO

The mandates of the Oshana Regional Council are primarily carried out by various Units/Directorates; Divisions; Subdivision; Sections and Subsections which are established to ensure effective implementation of various programmes and projects of the region and support services to the Councillors and staff members.

#### Office of the CRO

#### **Section: Internal Audit**

• Assist the Council and its Management in accomplishing its objectives, by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of organization's risk management, control and governance processes.

### Directorate of Development Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation

• Assist the Council and its Management in accomplishing its objectives, by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of organization's risk management, control and governance processes.

**Mandate:** To carry out the physical, infrastructure, socio – economic and land use planning, population, and urbanization and to ensure sustainable use of natural resources in Oshana Regional Council.

#### We Will:

- Interpret and ensure implementation of Regional Development policy frameworks with relevant legislations;
- Coordinate Strategic Management plan;
- Coordinate regional development planning;
- Initiate, facilitate implementation, monitor and evaluate development projects and programmes;
- Facilitate the construction of new and upgrading of existing government infrastructures when need arise;
- Facilitate the implementation of rural sanitation & rural projects in the Region
- Facilitate the execution of HIV/AIDS programmes/activities

# Directorate Finance, Human Resources and Administration

**Mandate:** To provide administrative support services, manage finance and human resources and account for utilization of resources to the Regional Council.

#### We will:

- Provide prudent financial management services to the Council
- Provide Policy guidance, Planning, and advisory services on issues pertaining to Human Resources Management,
- Provide feedback through various media platforms on reported cases regarding the Council within five working days;
- Provide support services through InformationCommunication Technology (ICT), Transport; Registry services and all logistics and administrative support to the activities of the Council and its Constituencies
- Ensure appropriate coordination with all stakeholders to mitigate disasters impacts on vulnerable communities in our region.

# 3. OUR CLIENTS/CUSTOMERS

- Oshana Regional Council Staff members
- Oshana Regional Leadership
   O/M/A's
   Consultants
- Community members
   Political Office Bearers
- The Media The General Public Researchers

#### 4. OUR COMMITMENT

- The Oshana Regional Council is committed to govern, plan and coordinate socio-economic development programs and projects in partnership with all stakeholders towards the improvement of the living standards of the community and realization of sustainable development.
- We strive to execute our duties within the following guiding VALUES:

#### Accountability:

• Being answerable to the people we serve in the Region.

#### Inclusiveness:

 Promoting the interdependency in program planning and implementation.

#### Responsiveness:

 Monitoring and improving our day to day operational activities in a timely responsive manner.

#### Transparency:

• A Systematic democratic approach to the governance in Oshana Region.

#### **Professionalism:**

Maintain a high standard of integrity in our execution of duties.

#### Innovation:

Exploring new ways and methods of doing public business.

#### 5. WHEN YOU CONTACT US

#### IF YOU PHONE US

- We will answer to your call within 3 rings;
- We will return your call within 2 days if we can't provide an answer immediately.

#### IF YOU WRITE TO US

• We acknowledge receipt within 2 working days, provide you with an explanation of how we are handling your case and inform you when to expect an answer.

#### IF YOU VISIT US

- We will attend to you within 5 minutes if you have an appointment with us;
- We will respond to your questions while you are with us, if we cannot we will let you know why, and when you can expect an answer;
- If there is a need for a referral, we will do it by phone or by email and copy it to you, and provide you with the name of the person to contact, address and contact details.

## 6. YOUR VIEWS COUNT

We continuously strive to improve our standards.

To do this, we need to know what kind of service you want;

- We promise to consider your views when setting our service standards:
- Inform us if you are not satisfied and unhappy with our service delivery; and
- Give us your comments so that we can improve our service.

#### 7. WHAT WE ASK OF YOU

The quality of service we can provide to you depends on various issues including input and co-operation we receive. We therefore request you to:

- Be honest, polite and patient;
- Be timely in providing required and accurate information to the council:
- Comply with existing Legislations, Regulations and Procedures;
   and
- Treat our staff members with the necessary respect
- Give us your comments and suggestions on how we can serve you better, preferably in writting (suggestion boxes, inbox us on social media sites).

# 8. WHEN YOU COMMUNICATE WITH US, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING NFORMATION

- Your full name
- Postal address, telephone and fax number/ or e-mail
- Provide a clear description of your particular concern/s or need/s
- Keep a record of the issue at stake and the person in our office whom you dealt with as well as the date and the time of the communication.

#### 9. CUSTOMER CARE CONTACT POINT

FEEDBACK, COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

All customer service related queries or enquiries should be addressed and forwarded to:

The Chief Regional Officer Oshana Regional Council Private Bag 5543 Oshakati Namibia Phone: +264 65 228 8200 Fax: +264 65 221 292 E-mail: info@oshanarc.gov.na

OR

THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
Phone: +264 65 22 88237
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Email: proshanarc@gmail.com

If you are not satisfied with the response/services from the Council, you may take the matter up with the the Office of the Permanent Secretary: Ministry of Urban and Rural Development
Should you still not be satisfied you may approach the Office of the Prime Minister: Public Service Commission.