

# KPDA Media Weekly Review Report as at 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020



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Ltd**



**MINISTRY OF LANDS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING**  
**Office of the Cabinet Secretary**  
**INTERNAL MEMO**

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**To** : Chief Land Registrar  
All County Land Registrars

**From** : Cabinet Secretary

**Date** : April 22, 2020

**SUBJECT** : **WAIVER OF LAND REGISTRATION FEES**

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This is to inform you that the government has waived the payment of the Kshs. 500/= registration fees for a period of two (2) years with effect from March 26, 2020.

The waiver is intended to reduce the cost of land transactions and facilitate ease of doing business in the country.

All County Registrars are hereby directed to fully implement the waiver and ensure appropriate measures are put in place to process transactions without undue delay.

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**Farida Karoney, EGH**

Copy to:

- Chief Administrative Secretary
- Principal Secretary

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*24.4.2020*  
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# COVID-19

## Standards for Management of Construction Sites and Welfare of Workers

Date of Issue: 3rd April 2020



To download the COVID-19 Standard for Management of Construction Sites and Welfare of Workers Document please click [here](#).

## KEPSA work streams: Construction, Real Estate and Land Sector

### Activities Underway

#### Advisory Services for the Design & Construction of Health Facilities to cater for COVID-19 Patients

- The Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK) has set up a technical advisory committee that is offering free Consulting Services and working with the Kenya Health Federation (KHF) for the repurposing existing health facilities and/or constructing quick and safe, care and treatment centres for COVID 19 during this time. They have developed Tent and Container hospitals designs

#### Keeping Construction Sites Open & Operating within a Secure & Safe Environment

- National Construction Authority (NCA) in collaboration with various stakeholders in the Construction Industry and with the Technical Assistance of AAK have developed a set of guidelines for the safe operation of Construction Sites. This is a working document

#### Developing Property Management Guidelines For Landlords & Tenants

- The Institution of Surveyors (ISK) has developed Guidelines for Property Owners to deal with emerging issues relating to tenancy occupancy and rental payments during this period of COVID-19. ISK is working with Property Owners and Managers to consider options that will be a win - win solution for all parties

#### Development of Regulations to Facilitate Electronic Registration, Conveyancing and other Land Transactions

- A new Taskforce On Formulation of Related Regulations to Facilitate Electronic Registration, Conveyancing and other Land Transactions in line with Existing Land Laws was gazetted on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020. They were given a tight deadline of 6 weeks to come up with a draft.
- The taskforce is Chaired by the Sector Board Vice-Chair and comprises of representatives of a number of BMO's drawn from the KEPSA Membership such as KBA, ISK, LSK, KPDA & KIP.
- A draft of these regulations hopefully will be available for stakeholder engagement in the next few weeks.

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To download the KEPSA Construction, Real Estate and Land Sector Response on COVID 19 please click [here](#).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT BILL 2020

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**



**TWELFTH PARLIAMENT | FOURTH SESSION  
THE SENATE**

**The Pandemic Response and Management Bill (Senate  
Bills No. 6 of 2020)**

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND  
SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA**

The Pandemic Response and Management Bill (Senate Bills No. 6 of 2020) was read a First Time in the Senate on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 and thereafter stood committed to the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the COVID-19 Situation.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 118 and standing order 140 (5) of the Standing Orders of the Senate, the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the COVID-19 Situation now invites interested members of the public to submit any representations that they may have on the Pandemic Response and Management Bill (Senate Bills No. 6 of 2020), by way of written memoranda.

The Memoranda may be-

- i) hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, First Floor, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi; or
- ii) emailed to the Clerk of the Senate on the address - [cSenate@parliament.go.ke](mailto:cSenate@parliament.go.ke) and copied to [senatecovid19@gmail.com](mailto:senatecovid19@gmail.com)

to be received on or before **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2020 at 5.00pm.**

The Pandemic Response and Management Bill (Senate Bills No. 6 of 2020) may be found on the Parliament website at <http://www.parliament.go.ke/senate>.

**CLERK OF THE SENATE/ SECRETARY,  
PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION.**

The principle reason for this bill is to provide a legal framework for a coordinated response and management of activities during a pandemic; temporary measures and relief during a pandemic; and for connected purposes. Kindly share your input on the [Pandemic Response and Management Bill 2020](#) using this [form](#) to [ceo@kpda.or.ke](mailto:ceo@kpda.or.ke) and copy [kpdaiken@gmail.com](mailto:kpdaiken@gmail.com) by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**THE TAX LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2020**

No.

2020



THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

UHURU KENYATTA

I assent

President

, 2020

**AN ACT of Parliament to make amendments to tax-related laws**

To download the The Tax Laws (Amendment) Act 2020 please click [here](#).

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**The Standard | Mwangi Muiruri | Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**TENANTS AGAINST THE WALL AS COVID-19 BITES**

As the coronavirus pandemic continues to ravage the nation with devastating economic results, low and middle-income tenants have found themselves at the landlord's guillotine. [Read More.](#)

**The Standard | Mwangi Muiruri | Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**WHY MURANG'A HUB IS LOSING INVESTORS**

Maragua, a town that once held so much promise, is in decline. [Read More.](#)

**The Standard | Peter Theuri | Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**INSTITUTE WANTS KRA TO WAIVE RENTAL TAX**

The government should remove the 10 per cent rental income tax due on residential buildings to ease the burden on landlords, Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) has said. [Read More.](#)

**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

**Daily Nation | John Kamau ad Vicent Achuka | Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

**HOW POWERFUL INDIVIDUALS GRABBED 3,000-ACRE SEWERAGE LAND**

When more than 40 demolition excavators descended on the plains of Nairobi's Ruai at dawn yesterday, they not only set to recover 3,000 acres of what was originally set aside for sewerage purposes, but also brought to a screeching end a dream of what was supposed to be a fairy-tale city. [Read More.](#)

**Daily Nation | Delfhin Mugo | Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

**TECHNOLOGIES REAL ESTATE AGENTS CAN DEPLOY IN COVID-19 ERA**

For a long time, the nature of the real estate business in Kenya has been driven by human-to-human interactions. [Read More.](#)

**Daily Nation | Charles Onyango-Obbo | Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

**THE ELDERS WOULD CRY IF THEY SAW OUR NEW ROADS AND SCHOOLS**

Unlike in the previous years, the current rains pounding Kwa Rhonda, Kaptembwa and Mwariki slums in Nakuru West have neither caused floods nor destruction of property. [Read More.](#)

**Daily Nation | Bett Kinyatti | Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

**HOW TO STYLE YOUR SPACE WITH AN ACCENT WALL**

Walls in most homes come in the standard cream or off-white paint colours, hues that interior stylists have labelled "landlord colours". [Read More.](#)

**Business Daily | Edwin Mutai | Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

**BILL PROPOSES USE OF PENSION SAVINGS TO SECURE HOME LOANS**

Salaried Kenyans will be allowed to use part of their retirement benefits to buy residential homes if Parliament approves a new Bill into law. [Read More.](#)

**22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020**

**Daily Nation | Francis Mureithi | Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020**

**FLOODS: GOOD DRAINAGE SYSTEM SAVES NAKURU WEST SLUMS**

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**Daily Nation | Nation Media Journalists | Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020**

**TAX TWEAKS WILL RUIN CAPITAL MARKETS**

The tax amendments bill before Parliament could sound the death knell for Kenya's capital markets if allowed to pass in its current form. [Read More.](#)

**Business Daily | Sam Kiplagat | Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020**

**EACC GETS NOD TO PROBE NYANDARUA OFFICIAL'S WEALTH**

A court has dismissed a petition by a former Nyandarua County official, his wife and relatives, seeking to block Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) from investigating how he accumulated Sh263 million wealth in three years. [Read More.](#)

**Business Daily | Scott Bellows | Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020**

**POST-PANDEMIC ENTREPRENEURIAL PREDICTIONS**

Billions of global citizens face some form of lockdown restrictions as governments try to contain the spread of the Covid-19 virus that originated in Wuhan, China, in 2019. Given nearly two and a half million reported infected cases and likely millions more as yet undetected, fears grow for how the cessation of movement will impact economies not just in the immediate term, but also post-pandemic. [Read More.](#)



**Business Daily | John Mutua | Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020**

**TURNOVER EXEMPTION RAISED TO SH1M, PROPERTY AUCTION FROZEN**

More small businesses will be exempted from paying turnover tax and property of firms shielded from auctions during the Covid-19 period in the latest legal changes sought by Parliament to cushion businesses. [Read More.](#)

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Daily Nation | Sam Kiplagat | Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**JONATHAN MOI'S WIVES BURY HATCHET IN TIME FOR ANNIVERSARY**

It is exactly one year since former President Daniel Moi's eldest son [Jonathan passed away](#) .[Read More.](#)

**Business Daily | Sam Kiplagat | Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**RECEIVERS SAY TUJU BLOCKING HOTEL ACCESS IN SH1.6BN ROW**

Jubilee Secretary-General Raphael Tuju has allegedly blocked East African Development Bank (EADB) from taking over his hotel and property firms at the centre of a Sh1.6 billion defaulted loan. [Read More.](#)

**Business Daily | Sam Kiplagat | Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**HOW AND WHEN A PERSON CAN BE DECLARED BANKRUPT**

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