

# **FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

*(Incorporating Fish Hoek, Clovelly and Sun Valley)*

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**TO: FISH HOEK SHOPRITE MANAGER: JONATHAN JANUARY**

**SUBJECT: EXPIRING / EXPIRED FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO THE HOMELESS**

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## **1. DISCUSSION**

We welcome competition to Pick N Pay in Fish Hoek, especially with them trying to secure an off-sales liquor licence to which so many of our residents disagree.

You may be aware that the number of homeless people is increasing everywhere in Cape Town and to a lesser extent, the remainder of the Western Cape. Fish Hoek has also received its share of the homeless. The recent profiling has discovered a host of root causes for this. The City of Cape Town's Social Development and Early childhood Development Department is trying to reduce the number of people living, sleeping and surviving (thriving) on our streets and in our surrounding area (alleys, public open spaces) and to ensure that the homeless are given the necessary social and developmental assistance to achieve reintegration, accommodation and employment. However, in many cases, those living "in the rough" are not willing to accept social services offered as they are receiving support from surrounding residents and businesses, which encourages them to remain in our area.<sup>1</sup>

The main complaints received from many of our citizens in the Fish Hoek Valley relate to:

- Aggression from beggars (witnessing of internal fighting);
- Opportunistic crime (theft from motor vehicles, garages, etc.);
- Defecating and urinating on our pavements and alleys – washed down daily into our storm-water culverts polluting our bay;
- Increase in noticeable litter;
- Erection of illegal structures;
- Prostitution;
- Substance abuse activity; and
- Gang culture.

The problem is actually being made worse by Shoprite Fish Hoek which donates expired (or about to expire) food as opposed to giving responsibly to shelters, etc. with appropriate facilities. Surely, these donations could present health problems of concern to the City's health inspectors.

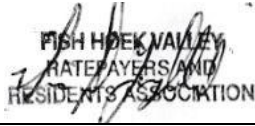
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<sup>1</sup> [http://streetpeoplesforum.org.za/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Street-People-Research\\_Research-Brief-1-of-8\\_30.09.2015.pdf](http://streetpeoplesforum.org.za/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Street-People-Research_Research-Brief-1-of-8_30.09.2015.pdf)

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Therefore, for the reasons set out in this report, we recommend that:

- Shoprite Fish Hoek stops all donations of foodstuff in Fish Hoek; and
- All donations are sent to another area, such as Ocean View, for proper distribution and with a proper support infrastructure.

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