



**Sister Cities Committee**

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November 18, 2019

City of uMhlathuze  
5 Mark Strasse Civic Centre (Richards Bay)  
Private Bag X1004  
Richards Bay  
3900

**Re: Sister City relationship between uMhlathzue, South Africa and Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Dear City of uMhlathuze,

This letter is concerning the sister city relationship between uMhlathuze, South Africa and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which was established officially on May 1, 2008 with the signing of sister city agreements between Mayors Tom Barrett of Milwaukee and Mayor Cir A. Z. Mnqayi of uMhlathuze.

Please be informed that due to the relationship having expired on May 23, 2019, inactivity, lack of local sponsorship, and lack of local community support, the sister city relationship was terminated by the City of Milwaukee effective November 15, 2019. Please see attached a certified copy of Common Council Resolution File Number 191028 terminating the relationship.

Should there be interest to reestablish a sister city relationship, we will look forward to explore making that reestablishment through a new sister city relationship process. The City of Milwaukee is a member of Sister Cities International and adheres to its policies and procedures in reviewing possible relationships. We believe a limited number of such relationships are beneficial to cultural, economic, and educational growth and development for all involved.

Sincerely,

Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II, Chair  
Sister Cities Committee

Enclosure

Cc: CCFN 191028



# City of Milwaukee

Office of the City Clerk

200 E. Wells Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Certified Copy of Resolution

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**FILE NO: 191028**

**Title:**

**Resolution terminating the sister city relationship with uMhlathuze, South Africa.**

**Body:**

Whereas, The Common Council created the Sister Cities Committee to assist in the establishment and maintenance of sister city relationships pursuant to Sister City International guidelines; and

Whereas, The Sister Cities Committee reviews requests for new relationships, investigates and makes recommendations to the Common Council concerning the establishment of new relationships and the maintenance or termination of existing sister city relationships; and

Whereas, The Sister Cities Committee has reviewed the current sister city relationship with uMhlathuze, South Africa, and recommends that the sister city relationship be terminated due to a lack of information on activities, reports, and documentation as required to meet the goals and guidelines set by Sister City International; and

Whereas, This relationship is no longer active, does not have local community support that fosters opportunities for reciprocal cultural, educational, municipal, business, professional or humanitarian exchanges and projects, and is recommended for termination by the Sister Cities Committee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that Resolution File Number 071584, adopted on April 9, 2008, is rescinded, thereby terminating the sister city relationship with uMhlathuze, South Africa.



**I, James R. Owczarski, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a(n) Resolution Passed by the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 5, 2019.**

James R. Owczarski

November 15, 2019

Date Certified

