



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE MOMBASA COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2026

The **County Assembly of Mombasa** is inviting residents to give views on the **Mombasa County Finance Bill, 2026** at public participation meetings in the six sub-counties, according to the schedule below. The Bill proposes fees, charges, licences, rents, rates and penalties payable to the County.

Important: This is a Bill published for consideration by the County Assembly. The amounts shown here are proposals in the Bill; they are not proof that a charge has been approved or is currently payable. Check the law in force and an official County notice before making a payment.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING SCHEDULE

Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations | Finance Bill 2026

Date	Sub-county	Venue	Time
Thursday, 15 October 2026	Likoni	Likoni Social Hall	9:00 am–12:00 pm
Thursday, 15 October 2026	Changamwe	Changamwe Social Hall	9:00 am–12:00 pm
Friday, 16 October 2026	Mvita	Tononoka Social Hall	9:00 am–12:00 pm
Friday, 16 October 2026	Jomvu	Mikindani Social Hall	9:00 am–12:00 pm
Monday, 19 October 2026	Nyali	VOK Social Hall	9:00 am–12:00 pm
Monday, 19 October 2026	Kisauni	Kadongo Grounds	9:00 am–12:00 pm

Written memoranda may be delivered to the Office of the Clerk or emailed to countyassemblymombasa@gmail.com by **Monday, 19 October 2026 at 4:30 pm**.

WHAT YOU CAN RAISE AT THE FORUM

Tell the Assembly which proposed fee or rule you are commenting on. Explain who it affects and why you support it or want it changed. You can comment on the amount, how it is applied, exemptions, payment methods, enforcement, or a missing or unclear item. For a business charge, identify the type and size of business. Give a specific alternative if you have one.

AMOUNT

Is the proposed amount fair and affordable?

APPLICATION

Is it clear who must pay and when?

OTHER VIEW

What change would work better, and why?

WHAT THE BILL COVERS

BUSINESS LICENCES

Licences and permits for businesses and services.

RENT & LAND RATES

Payments for County plots, stalls and houses.

MARKET CHARGES

Market fees and charges for offloading goods.

ENVIRONMENT

Selected waste, pollution and noise charges.

TRANSPORT

Selected parking and transport-related charges.

PAYMENT RULES

Authorised payment channels and official receipts.

SELECTED PROPOSED CHARGES AND PENALTIES

Examples from the Bill's Schedule. This is a short selection, not a complete list. The amount that applies depends on the specific activity and the wording of the relevant Schedule entry.

Bill amounts, not confirmed current charges.

Bill category / activity	Proposed amount	Bill page
Small retail shop (up to 4 employees; premises under 50 m ²)	KSh 4,000	29
Vendor at an authorised place, without a motor vehicle	KSh 3,000	29
Mobile traders / vendors	KSh 10,000	29
Independent transport operator (1 vehicle)	KSh 10,000	30
Small transport company (up to 4 vehicles)	KSh 15,000	30
Noise above permitted levels (per 8-hour event)	KSh 5,000	10
Failure to comply with noise permit (per hour event)	KSh 10,000	10
Traffic obstruction, double parking or illegal parking	KSh 5,000	11
Vehicle clamping fee: saloon car or pickup (per vehicle)	KSh 1,000	11
Vehicle clamping fee: minibus, matatu or canter (per vehicle)	KSh 2,100	11
Illegal dumping of non-hazardous waste	KSh 50,000	10
Illegal dumping of hazardous waste	KSh 1,000,000	10
Wastewater discharge penalty	KSh 500,000	10

Read the complete Schedule and the descriptions that apply to your activity. Some entries are licences or fees; others are penalties for alleged non-compliance. Do not treat a penalty as a routine fee. This factsheet does not compare the proposed amounts with rates in the current Finance Act.

The Bill has 51 PDF pages. The full schedule begins on printed page 8; check the full description and any relevant conditions. Amounts shown are copied from the listed Bill entries.

PLAIN-LANGUAGE TERMS

Term	Meaning
Bill	A proposed law being considered by the County Assembly. It is not the same as an approved Act.
Licence / permit	Official permission to carry out a listed business or activity, subject to the conditions in the Bill and Schedule.
Fee / charge	Money proposed for a listed service, permission or activity. Check the Schedule to see who pays and how much.
Penalty	A proposed monetary consequence for breaking a stated requirement; it is not an ordinary service fee.
Cess	A tax or charge on goods listed in the Bill's Schedule; check the item and conditions that apply.
Schedule	The Bill's tables of activities, categories, conditions and proposed amounts.
Authorised channel	A payment method accepted by the County under the Bill, including direct deposit to its bank account and an electronic Paybill channel.
Revenue collector	A person authorised by the County to collect revenue. The Bill says the collector must display a County-issued identification card.
Official receipt	Written proof that the County received a payment. The Bill requires a receipt and says payments must be evidenced by one.
Agent	A person appointed by the County under the Bill to collect or recover specified revenue.
Exemption	A stated exception from paying a particular charge. The Bill exempts registered religious institutions from rent and land rates; it does not say they are exempt from every charge.
Written memorandum	A document setting out your views or proposed changes for the Assembly to consider. Identify the Bill item and give your reasons.

Sources: The Mombasa County Finance Bill, 2026 (Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 8, Mombasa County Bills No. 4), published 1 Oct 2026; clauses 1, 5, 6, 9 and 10 and Schedule, printed pp. 2–6, 9–11, 29–30. County Assembly notice, 9 Oct 2026: <https://mombasaassembly.go.ke/news/public-participation-adp-2027-2028-finance-bill-2026>. Constitution of Kenya, Article 196(1)(b): <https://kenyalaw.org/akn/ke/act/2010/constitution>.

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Understanding the Bill and the proposed charges

Short answers about the Mombasa County Finance Bill, 2026.

1 What is the Finance Bill?

It is a proposed County law that sets or changes county fees, charges, licences, rent, rates and other revenue measures. This Bill also lists offences and penalties related to some requirements.

2 Is this Bill already law?

The document is a Bill for introduction into the County Assembly. Its clause 1 says the resulting Act would take effect upon publication in the Kenya Gazette. Until it is passed and brought into force, these proposed amounts should not be described as the current law.

3 Why is the Assembly asking for views?

Public participation gives residents, businesses and other affected people an opportunity to comment before the Assembly considers the Bill. The Constitution requires the County Assembly to facilitate public participation in its legislative business.

4 What should I include in a useful comment?

Name the clause or Schedule item, describe its effect on you or your group, and explain your reason. If suggesting a change, state what would work better. Anyone affected may comment; no legal language is needed.

5 What does the Bill say about business licences?

Clause 5 says a person must have a valid licence or permit to carry out a business or service in the County. The amount is not the same for every business: it depends on the applicable Schedule entry, including the business location and size.

6 Will every comment be adopted, and how can I follow up?

The Assembly considers views but decides amendments. A comment is not automatically adopted. Ask the Clerk or relevant Committee for a participation report showing how submissions were considered. The outcome cannot be confirmed in advance.

7 Are registered religious institutions exempt from every charge?

Clause 6 exempts registered religious institutions from rent and rates. It does not give a general exemption from every other charge. Check the relevant Schedule entry.

8 What is the difference between a fee and a penalty?

A fee pays for a listed service, licence or activity. A penalty is a proposed amount for breaking a stated rule. For example, a business licence is a fee; an illegal-dumping amount is a penalty.

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Payments, enforcement and how to take part

Short answers about the Mombasa County Finance Bill, 2026.

9 How does the Bill say payments should be made?

Clause 10 refers to authorised channels, including direct deposit to the County bank account and an electronic Paybill channel. It also requires an official receipt for a payment. Confirm the current official payment instructions before paying.

10 What is an official receipt, and why should I ask for one?

A receipt is written proof that the County received your payment. Clause 10 requires one. Keep it to check the amount, date and payment reference.

11 How can I check that a revenue collector is authorised?

Under clause 10, an authorised County Revenue Collector must have a County-issued identification card and wear it visibly. Ask to see the card and request an official receipt for every payment.

12 What does the Bill propose for unpaid plot rent or rates?

Clause 6 proposes a 3% monthly penalty on plot rent or rates unpaid after 31 March. It also says house tenants may be evicted for non-payment, and must be evicted after three consecutive months of unpaid rent. These are proposals; check the law in force.

13 What does clause 9 say about changing the Schedule?

It would allow the County Executive Committee Member for Finance to add schedules of fees, taxes, licences or cess to supplement the current Schedule. Any amendment would need County Assembly approval. Check any change against the approved legal notice.

14 How are market fees different from business licence fees?

The Bill lists them separately: clause 5 covers business or service licences; clause 7 covers market fees on goods. Check the entry for your activity. The Bill does not say every trader must pay both.

15 Why do some amounts say “per hour”, “per event” or “per vehicle”?

The unit shows how the amount is counted: the Schedule has a noise-permit penalty per event hour, a noise-level amount per eight-hour event and a clamping fee per vehicle. Check the unit and conditions.

16 What if I am not sure which Schedule item applies to me?

Describe the activity, goods or service, where it takes place, and the amount shown in the Bill if you have it. Ask the County department or Assembly Committee to help identify the relevant entry; do not assume a similar-sounding item applies.