



**Third County Assembly  
(NO.097)**

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF GARISSA  
GARISSA COUNTY ASSEMBLY**



**Third Session  
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**THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY – (THIRD SESSION)**

**ORDER OF THE DAY**

**TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 2024 AT 2:30 P.M**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**PRAYER**

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
6. Notices of motion
- 7\*. Questions and **Statements**

**(STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT,  
ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCES)**

**Hon. Speaker Sir.** Pursuant to standing order no 47(1) c, I wish to request for a statement from the chairperson of the sectoral committee on Environment, climate Change, Energy and Natural Resources regarding forestry issues.

**Hon Speaker,** Article 42 of the constitution of Kenya 2010, guarantees every person the right to a clean and healthy environment and have the environment protected for the benefit of future generations. Article 69 of the constitution of Kenya is about the state's obligations and the public's duty in relation to the environment.

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**Hon. Speaker Sir**, under the fourth schedule of the constitution, county governments function no 10, is implementation of specific national government policies on natural resources and environmental conservation, including- forestry.

**Hon Speaker**, in the statement the chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. How many gazetted forests does Garissa County possess?
2. How many seedlings have the forest departments established for the past one year categorized into species and how many are fruit trees?
3. How many seedlings did they manage to plant and where?
4. How many areas in hectares have they restored?
5. Do they make income generating activity out of the seedlings, if yes, how much is the cost of one seedling?
6. How much in terms of cash have they made in the past one year?
7. What community social responsibility have they done to give back to the community?
8. Are there regulations for charcoal burning in the county. Do you have permits to do so?
9. Does the county have forest rangers or forest or forest guards? how many are they in number and are there plans to employ new ones and when?

**(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM SIGAT-MCA NANIGHI WARD)**

**8\*. Motions and Bills**

**Hon Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;**

**THAT**, aware that the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) issued guidelines to county governments regarding the provision of housing benefits for Governors and Deputy Governors, as stipulated in SRC letters Ref. Nos: SRC/TS/CGOVT/3/61 dated 18th December 2013, 24th October 2016, 25th August 2017 and SRC letter Ref. No: SRC/TS/CGOVT/3/61/VOL.V.(44) dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

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**FURTHER AWARE** that the SRC extended the deadline for the construction of these residences to June 30, 2022, to allow counties time to allocate funds and prioritize construction on public land owned by the counties

**COGNIZANT** of the fact that the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, under Article 174, emphasizes the devolved government's responsibility to promote social and economic development and provide proximate, easily accessible services throughout Kenya;

**CONCERNED** that Garissa County has not yet complied with these SRC guidelines, continuing to incur unnecessary expenses on rent for official residences contrary to SRC guidelines;

**DEEPLY CONCERNED** by the lack of progress in the construction of these residences, which undermines the efficient use of public funds and violates the principles of accountability and prudent financial management

**NOW THEREFORE**, this Assembly urges the County Executive of Garissa County to:

1. Comply with the SRC guidelines by allocating adequate funds for the construction of official residences for the Governor and Deputy Governor.
2. Prioritize the construction of these residences on public land owned by the county, adhering to the specified acreage limits and cost caps: Ksh 45 million for the Governor's residence and Ksh 40 million for the Deputy Governor's residence.
3. Provide a detailed report on the progress of these constructions to this Assembly within six months, ensuring transparency and accountability.

**(HON FATUMA M. SHIDE-NOMINATED MCA)**

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