

[LEGAL NOTICE NO. 79]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

## **Tavua (Incorporation of iTaukei Villages) By-laws 2025**

IN exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 125 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Tavua Town Council, with the approval of the iTaukei Affairs Board and of the Minister, hereby makes these By-laws—

*Short title and commencement*

1.—(1) These By-laws may be cited as the Tavua (Incorporation of iTaukei Villages) By-laws 2025.

(2) These By-laws come into force on the date of publication in the Gazette.

*Interpretation*

2. In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Council” means the Tavua Town Council; and

“municipal service” means any community service ordinarily provided by the Council and includes waste collection and disposal, sanitation and drainage.

*Incorporation of iTaukei villages in municipality of Tavua*

3. The following villages are incorporated in the municipality of Tavua—

(a) Nabuna; and

(b) Tavualevu.

*Provision of municipal services*

4. The Council must provide municipal services to the villages referred to in by-law 3 in accordance with section 125(2) of the Act.

*Municipal service fees*

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a village incorporated under these By-laws must pay a municipal service fee levied by the Council for a municipal service provided under by-law 4.

(2) The method for levying a municipal service is determined by the Council by resolution, having regard to—

(a) the number of households in the village;

(b) the type of municipal service provided; and

(c) the principle of equity between ratepayers within the municipality.

(3) The Council must consult with the relevant village headman and the Provincial Council prior to determining or revising a municipal service fee.

(4) Any municipal service fee levied under this by-law is payable in the manner and at the time as the Council may determine.

*Minimum standards for building construction*

6.—(1) The Council may, in consultation with the iTaukei Affairs Board and the Ministry responsible for iTaukei affairs, determine minimum standards required for the construction of a building within a village incorporated under these By-laws.

(2) The minimum standards must provide for—

- (a) the safety and structural integrity of buildings;
- (b) adequate sanitation, ventilation and access to clean water; and
- (c) compliance with relevant public health and town planning requirements.

*Enforcement*

7.—(1) A person must not erect a new building or carry out alterations to an existing building in a village incorporated under these By-laws except in accordance with the minimum standards.

(2) The Council may issue a notice to a person in a village listed in by-law 3 requiring compliance with these By-laws.

(3) Any person who contravenes these By-laws commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50 and to a further fine of \$10 for each day during which the contravention or failure to comply continues.

*Transitional*

8. Any existing arrangement for the provision of a municipal service to a village listed in by-law 3 prior to the commencement of these By-laws continue until the Council determines a new arrangement.

Approved this 27th day of November 2025.

M. K. NALUMISA  
Minister for Local Government

Approved this 27th day of November 2025.

I. VASU  
Chairperson  
iTaukei Affairs Board

Made this 27th day of November 2025.

N. RAVATO  
Special Administrator  
Tavua Town Council