



ConCourt finds new homeowners not responsible for historical debt

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File: The ConCourt upheld a November 2016 High Court ruling in favour of property owners. Photo: eNCA



JOHANNESBURG - The Constitutional Court on Tuesday ruled that new homeowners cannot be held responsible for historical debt accumulated by previous owners.

The ruling will provide relief to home owners who have been held accountable for historical municipal debt, often stretching as far back as 20 years.

Property owners were denied municipal services until the debts had been paid.

The ConCourt upheld a November 2016 High Court ruling in favour of property owners.

Municipalities including Tshwane, Ekurhuleni and eThekweni brought the application at the ConCourt to appeal that finding.

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