

People stealing land will be punished

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City of Johannesburg (CoJ) is fuming over people hijacking land for their own use and it says that those responsible will be in trouble.

The City said that land hijacking in South Africa is delaying much needed developments.

A statement issued by the City of Johannesburg reads that: "Some Johannesburg Property Company (JPC) led development projects are being delayed by illegal land grabbing.

"Fraudsters are preying on desperate home seekers by fraudulently selling council owned land." JPC does not employ brokers or agents to sell or lease the City of Johannesburg's land," read the statement.

CoJ and Johannesburg Property Company PR & Media Officer, Brian Mahlangu said: "In the Soweto and Roodepoort, development projects have been hampered by fraudulent claims of ownership of council's land.

Mahlangu said: "JPC has an open tender system that offers individual and consortiums an opportunity to participate in the development of the City.

"We therefore urge residents to be vigilant



People stealing municipality houses and land for their own benefit will be prosecuted.

and take advantage of our land identification system by either writ-

ing to us or calling us," he said.
The South African

National Civic Organisation (SANCO) Chiawelo Ward 12 Chair-

man, Abram Mowenda said: "The problem of illegally occupying

land belonging to the city, and the illegal selling of houses, has

gone out of hand and should be dealt with immediately to make

sure that those responsible are punished," he said.

