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**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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NOTIFICATION

No.SOR(LG)8-4/2021:- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 213 read with section 10(1) of the Punjab Local Government Ordinance 2021 (XXVII of 2021), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules:

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Local Government (Delimitation of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils) Rules 2022.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- (1) In the rules, unless the subject or context otherwise requires:

(a) "delimitation authority" means an authority appointed under rule 7 of the rules;

(b) "delimitation committee" means a committee appointed under rule 3 of the rules;

(c) "form" means Form appended to the rules;

(d) "Ordinance" means the Punjab Local Government Ordinance 2021 (XXVII of 2021);

(e) "population" means the population of a local area in accordance with the preceding census;

(f) "Provincial Election Commissioner" means the Provincial Election Commissioner, Punjab; and

(g) "rules" means the Punjab Local Government (Delimitation of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils) Rules 2022.

(2) A word or expression used but not defined in the rules shall have the same meaning as is assigned to it under the Ordinance.

3. Appointment of delimitation committee.- (1) The Election Commission shall appoint a delimitation committee for a district or a part thereof from amongst the officers of the Election Commission, Government or autonomous body controlled by the Government.

(2) The delimitation committee shall delimit the Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils within the district or part thereof in accordance with the provisions of the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), Ordinance, rules and instructions issued by the Commission.

4. Functions of the delimitation committee.- (1) The delimitation committee shall delimit the Neighbourhood Councils and

Village Councils in accordance with sections 10, 11 and 12 of the Ordinance.

(2) The delimitation committee shall delimit the urban area in a district constituting the defunct Metropolitan Corporation, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committee, Town Committee under the Punjab Local Government Act, 2019 (XIII of 2019) into Neighbourhood Councils, keeping in view the population criteria given below:

- (i) twenty thousand in case of defunct Metropolitan Corporation and Municipal Corporation under the Punjab Local Government Act, 2019 (XIII of 2019); and
- (ii) fifteen thousand in case of defunct Municipal Committee and defunct Town Committee under the Punjab Local Government Act, 2019 (XIII of 2019).

Provided that the average population in the hilly areas shall be ten thousand.

(3) The delimitation committee shall delimit rural area in a District Council into Village Councils, with an average population of twenty thousand:

Provided that the average population in the hilly areas shall be ten thousand.

(4) The delimitation committee shall delimit the Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils, as far as possible, equal in population among themselves. In case of variation, difference shall not be more than ten percent without breaking any census block and if it exceeds the ten percent, the delimitation committee shall record reasons for such variation.

(5) The local area of each Neighbourhood Council and Village Council shall be a territorial unit.

(6) The boundaries of a Village Council shall not cross the limits of the respective tehsil in a district.

(7) The boundaries of Neighbourhood Council shall not cross the limits of the respective Metropolitan Corporation, defunct Municipal Corporation or Municipal Committee or Town Committee constituted under the Punjab Local Government Act, 2019 (XIII of 2019), as the case may be.

5. Assistance to the delimitation committee.- (1) Subject to the control of the Election Commission, the delimitation committee may require any person or officer in the district to perform such function or render such assistance as may be required for the purposes of delimitation of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils under the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017); Ordinance, rules and instructions issued by the Election Commission.

(2) The Deputy Commissioners shall facilitate the delimitation committee in whole process of delimitation and provide required details about the local area of each local government demarcated under section 7 of the Ordinance in identifying the distribution of population in geographically compact areas, physical features, existing

boundaries of administrative units, facilities of communication and public convenience and other cognate factors to ensure homogeneity in the delimitation of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils.

(3) The Deputy Commissioner shall provide all notifications of local areas showing notified population along with their census block codes and copies of authenticated maps of local governments showing the clear boundaries of defunct Metropolitan Corporations, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committees, Town Committee and Tehsil Councils demarcated under the Punjab Local Act, 2019 (XIII of 2019) along with their census block codes on the scale determined by the Election Commission and any other information as may be required by the delimitation committee.

6. Preliminary list of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils.- (1) The delimitation committee shall prepare preliminary lists of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils on Form-1 and specify the area proposed to be included in each Neighbourhood Council and Village Council within such period as may be determined by the Election Commission.

(2) The local areas of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils shall be identified with a specific number:

Provided that for the purpose of delimitation, the delimitation committee shall assign the serial number to each Neighbourhood Council and Village Council in a local area starting from 01 and so on for each local area in clock-wise manner.

(3) The delimitation committee shall, within the time fixed by the Election Commission, publish the preliminary lists of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils in the manner as may be directed by the Election Commission inviting objections on the preliminary list to be filed before the concerned delimitation authority.

(4) The preliminary lists of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils shall be placed for public inspection at notified places.

7. Delimitation authority.- (1) The Election Commission shall appoint a delimitation authority for one or more districts for hearing and disposal of objections received under rule 8, from amongst its own officers or officers of the Provincial or Federal Government or member of district judiciary, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, Lahore.

(2) The delimitation authority may summon a witness, hold inquiry and record evidence for the purposes of deciding an objection on preliminary delimitation of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils.

8. Manner of filing of objections on the preliminary delimitation.- (1) A voter of the Neighbourhood Council and Village Council may, within fifteen days from the date of the publication of preliminary list of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils, file an objection on Form-2 to the delimitation authority against the preliminary delimitation of the Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils by affixing one hundred rupees court fee stamps and

attaching a copy of his Computerized National Identity Card with the objection application.

(2) The person making the objection shall sign it and present it in person or through an agent authorized by him in writing.

(3) A person filing objection may obtain a copy of map on payment of a printing fee of one thousand rupees per map from the convener of the delimitation committee.

(4) The delimitation authority shall decide the objection filed under sub-rule (1) within thirty days from the date of publication of preliminary delimitation under sub-rule (3) of rule 6.

(5) A representative of the delimitation committee may assist the delimitation authority as and when required for the disposal of the objection filed against the preliminary delimitation of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils.

(6) If the delimitation authority fails to decide the objection within the time specified under sub-rule (4), the objection shall abate and the preliminary list of the Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils shall, to the extent of such objection, become final.

(7) The delimitation authority shall as early as possible but not later than seven days after last day fixed for disposal objections, communicate its decision to the delimitation committee.

(8) The delimitation committee shall incorporate the decision of the delimitation authority received under sub-rule (7) in the preliminary list of the Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils and prepare the final list of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils on Form-3.

9. Register of objections.- The delimitation authority shall maintain the record of objections in Form-4.

10. Final lists of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils.- The delimitation committee shall publish the final list of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils as may be directed by the Election Commission and send a copy of the final list of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils to the Provincial Election Commissioner for its publication in the official Gazette.

11. Supply of copies etc.- A person may obtain a copy of preliminary or final list of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils published under rules 6 and 10 from the office of the District Election Commissioner on payment of fee at the rate of ten rupees per page in the shape of court fee stamps.

12. Alteration in the programme for delimitation.- Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the Election Commission may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, alter, amend or rescind the timelines for carrying out different activities given under the rules.

13. Validity of Delimitation.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the rules, the final list of Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils shall remain valid for the prevailing census.

(2) The final list shall be revised after every census or due to any change in the number or limits of estates in any district or part of a district.

(3) In case of change in the number or limits of estates in any district or part of a district, the Election Commission shall initiate the process of delimitation of the Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils under the rules to the extent of that district or part of district where change has been affected for the next elections of the Neighbourhood Councils and Village Councils or both.

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Government of the Punjab
Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department

The final list shall be revised after every five years or changes in the number or limits of villages or neighbourhoods in the district.

In case of change in the number or limits of villages or neighbourhoods in the district, the Delimitation Commission shall be notified accordingly.

FORM-1
[See rule 6(1)]

PRELIMINARY LIST OF VILLAGES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

Village Neighbourhood (Tick the relevant box)

Tehsil: _____ District: _____

Name of Metropolitan Corporation or District Council: _____

No. of village / neighbourhood	Extent of the village / neighbourhood (name of electoral areas / Revenue Estate (s))	Census block(s) Code of electoral area / Estate(s) included in the village / neighbourhood	Population [as per last census]
1	2	3	4

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
(Signatures of Delimitation Committee Members)

Dated: _____

Place: _____

FORM-2
OBJECTION AGAINST DELIMITATION OF VILLAGE/ NEIGHBOURHOOD
[See rule 8 (1)]

To
The Delimitation Authority
for District _____

Objections against preliminary list of Village / Neighbourhood

In ***Local Government _____ District _____

I (full name) _____ son /daughter / wife of _____
resident of _____

having CNIC No.

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and enrolled as a voter in Village / Neighbourhood
_____ in census block
number _____ at Serial No. _____ do hereby

submit the following objection(s) on preliminary list of the above mentioned Village /
Neighbourhood:

Signature/ Thumb Impression
of Applicant

Mobile No: _____

(Name and signatures of the applicant with his/her mobile phone number)

Dated: _____

For Official Use Only

Diary No. _____ Dated _____

Received by _____

* Please affix rupees one hundred court fee stamp on the objections being filed before the Delimitation Authority

* Copy of CNIC of the Applicant must be attached with the objection

*** Metropolitan Corporation or District Council.

FORM-3
[See rule 8(8)]

FINAL LIST OF VILLAGES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

Village Neighbourhood (Tick the relevant box)

Tehsil: _____ District: _____

Name of Metropolitan Corporation or District Council: _____

No. of village / neighbourhood	Extent of the Village/ Neighbourhood (name of electoral areas / Revenue Estate (s))	Census Block(s) Code of electoral area/ Estate (s) Included in the Village/ Neighbourhood	Population [as per last census]
1	2	3	4

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

(Signatures of Delimitation Committee Members)

Dated: _____

Place: _____



FORM-4

[See rule 9]

**REGISTER OF OBJECTIONS FILED AGAINST PRELIMINARY DELIMITATION
OF VILLAGE / NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Name and Designation of Delimitation Authority: _____

Tehsil: _____ District: _____

Name of Metropolitan Corporation or District Council: _____

No.	Date of filing of objection	Name, CNIC and Address of person filing objection.		No. & Name of Village / Neighbourhood	Date of hearing	Decision of the Delimitation Authority		Date on which decision communicated to the Delimitation Committee	Brief Description of Decision
		Name/ Address of the Objector/ Applicant	CNIC No.			Accepted	Rejected or Abated		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Signature & Stamp of Delimitation Authority

Dated: _____

Place: _____