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ELECTORAL COMMISSION

NOTICE 3862 OF 2026

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

INVITATION TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS

A registered political party and independent candidate intending to contest elections must in terms of Section 14(1)(b) and Section 17(2)(d) of the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000 (Act 27 of 2000) (the Act) as read with Items 4 and 11 of the Municipal Electoral Regulations, pay prescribed deposits.

The payment of an election deposit forms part of the administrative requirements for the effective organisation and conduct of elections, together with the submission of candidate nomination documents. The purpose of the deposit is to confirm a contestant's serious intention to participate in the election and to create certainty on who the contestants in an election are.

Deposits are refundable to contestants who obtain a seat in the applicable Proportional Representation election, or who obtain at least 10% of the valid votes cast in the applicable ward election. Where a contestant does not meet this threshold, the deposit is not refundable and is paid into the National Revenue Fund.

The chief electoral officer hereby publishes this Notice inviting representations from interested persons in respect of the amount of the deposits to be paid by registered political parties and independent candidates intending to contest an election. The Electoral Commission intends increasing the deposits as prescribed in Item 4(2)(a), (b), and (c) of the Municipal Electoral Regulations as follows:

"(2) The amount of the deposit to be paid in terms of Section 14(1)(b) of the Act is, in respect of each separate list submitted by a party-

(a) Four Thousand Seven Hundred Rand (R4700.00) in an election in a metropolitan municipality;

(b) Two Thousand Eight Hundred Rand (R2800.00) in an election in a local municipality with wards;

(c) One Thousand Eight Hundred Rand (R1800.00) in an election in a local municipality without wards and in an election in a district municipality.

The Electoral Commission intends increasing the deposit as prescribed in Item 11(1) of the Municipal Electoral Regulations as follows:

"(1) The amount of the deposit referred to in section 17(2)(d) of the Act, is R1 800.00 (one thousand eight hundred rand) in respect of an independent ward candidate and for a ward candidate nominated by a party who is not contesting the election of the relevant municipal council by way of a party list."

Representations and comments must be submitted on or before Friday, 8 May 2026, to the Electoral Commission for the attention of Mr. Kgosietsile Tshoke, at the following e-mail address: - deposits@elections.org.za or delivered to Election House, Riverside Office Park, 1303 Heuwel Avenue, Centurion, 0157.

The Electoral Commission is yet to make a determination with regard to the amount of the election deposits for the purposes of the Local Government Elections 2026/2027 and will accordingly consider the representations and comments in arriving at a final determination.

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