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ELECTORAL COMMISSION

NOTICE 3977 OF 2026

AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTORAL REGULATIONS

The Electoral Commission, acting in terms of section 89 of the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000 (Act No. 27 of 2000), hereby amends the Municipal Electoral Regulations, 2000, published under GN R848 in GG 21498 of 22 August 2000, as amended by GN R848 in GG 27957 of 23 August 2005, GN R152 in GG 34045 of 23 February 2011, GN 569 in GG 40020 of 25 May 2016 and Proc R35 in GG 45060 of 27 August 2021, GN 7542 in GG 54762 of 29 May 2026, to the extent set out in the Schedule below.

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE

[ ] Words or phrases in bold type square brackets indicate omissions or deletions from existing enactments; and

_____ Words or phrases underlined with a solid line indicate insertion in existing enactments.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTORAL REGULATIONS

Definitions

1. In this Schedule, unless the context indicates otherwise:

1.1. "**the Act**" means the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000 (Act No. 27 of 2000);

1.2. "**the Regulations**" means the Municipal Electoral Regulations, 2000, published under GN R848 in GG 21498 of 22 August 2000, as amended by GN R848 in GG 27957 of 23 August 2005, GN R152 in GG 34045 of 23 February 2011, GN 569 in GG 40020 of 25 May 2016, Proc R35 in GG 45060 of 27 August 2021, and GN 7542 in GG 54762 of 29 May 2026; and

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1.3. any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act and/or the Regulations shall have that meaning.

Amendment of Regulation 4

1. Regulation 4 is amended by—

1.1. substituting sub-regulation 4(2) for the following sub-regulation:

"**4. Party lists**

(2) The amount of the deposit referred to in section 14(1)(b) of the Act is, in respect of each separate list submitted by a party-

(*a*) **[R3 500.00 (three thousand five hundred rand)]** R4 700.00 (four thousand seven hundred rand) in an election in a metropolitan municipality;

(*b*) **[R2 000.00 (two thousand rand)]** R2 800.00 (two thousand eight hundred rand) in an election in a local municipality **[with wards]**; and

(*c*) **[R1 000.00 (one thousand rand)]** R1 800.00 (one thousand eight hundred rand) in an election **[in a local municipality without wards in an election]** in a district municipality.".

Amendment of Regulation 11

2. Regulation 11 is amended by—

2.1. substituting sub-regulation 11(1) for the following sub-regulation:

"**11. Deposit**

(1) The amount of the deposit referred to in section 17(2)(d) of the Act, is **[R1 000.00 (one thousand rand)]** 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.".

Short title and Commencement

3. These Regulations are called the 2026 Amendment to the Municipal Electoral Regulations, 2000, and shall come into operation on the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

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