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[16th September, 2013]

An Act to rationalize and reorganize the local government system in the Province of Sindh.

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish an elected local government system to devolve political, administrative and financial responsibility and authority to the elected representatives of the local governments; to promote good governance, effective delivery of services and transparent decision making through institutionalized participation of the people at local level; and, to deal with ancillary matters;

Preamble.

It is enacted as follows:

CHAPTER-I
INTRODUCTION

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013.

**Short title,
extent and
commencement.**

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the Province of Sindh.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. The Government may if so deemed necessary in public interest pass an order after recording reasons, exclude any area or areas from the operation of such¹ provision or provisions of this Act and may make alternate provisions for such area by rules as may be deemed appropriate.

Exception.

3. ^{1***} In the Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Definitions.

(i) 2 * * * * *

(ii) **“Annual rental value”** means the gross annual rent at which a building or land may be let from year to year;

(iii) **“budget”** means an official statement of the income and expenditure of a Council for a financial year;

¹ The figure and brackets “(1)” omitted by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov,2013, s.2.

² Clause “i” omitted., ibid.

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- (iv) **“building”** includes any shop, house, hut, out-house, shed, stable, enclosure, wall, well, verandah, platform, plinth, ramp, staircase and steps;
- (v) **“Board”** means the Sindh Local Government Board constituted under section 128;
- (vi) **“building line”** means a line beyond which the outer face or any part of an external wall of a building may not project in the direction of any street, existing or proposed;
- (vii) **“bye-laws”** means bye-laws made under this Act;
- (viii) **“Cantonment Board”** means a Cantonment Board constituted under the Cantonment Act, 1924 (Act II of 1924);
- (ix) **“cattle”** means cows, buffaloes, bulls, oxen, bullocks, heifers, calves, camels, sheep and goats;
- (x) **“Chairman”** means the Chairman and includes Chairperson of a Council constituted under this Act;
- (xi) **“Chief Executive”** means the Municipal Commissioner, Chief Municipal Officer, Chief Officer, Town Officer or Secretary, as the case may be;
- (xii) **“Chief Municipal Officer”** means the Officer Incharge of the Administration of a Municipal Committee;
- (xiii) **“Chief Officer”** means the Officer Incharge of the Administration of a District Council;
- (xiv) **“city”** means an area declared to be a city under this Act;

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- (xv) “**conservancy**” means the collection, treatment, removal and disposal of refuse;
- (xvi) “**Corporation**” means a Metropolitan Corporation,¹ “[Town]” Municipal Corporation or Municipal Corporation;
- (xvii) “**Council**” means a Corporation, Municipal Committee, Town Committee, District Council² [Union Committee] or Union Council, as the case may be;
- (xviii) “**dairy**” includes any farm, cattle shed, cow house, milk shop, milk store or other place from where milk products are supplied for sale;
- (xix) “**Deputy Mayor**” means the Deputy Mayor of the Corporation;
- (xx) “**District**” means a revenue district as notified under the Sindh Land Revenue Act, 1967;
- (xxi) “**District Council**” means a District Council² Constituted under **this** Act;
- (xxii) ³“[omitted]”
- (xxiii) “**Division**” means a Revenue Division;
- (xxiv) “**drain**” includes sewer, a house drain, a drain of any other description, a tunnel, a culvert, a ditch, a channel and any other device for carrying off sullage;
- (xxv) “**dwelling house**” means any building used substantially for human habitation;

¹ Subs word “District” by Sindh Act No. XXXII of 2021, dated:- 24-12-2021.

² Ins. by the Sindh Act. No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.2.

³ Clause “xxii” Omitted by Sindh Act No. XXXII of 2021 Dated:- 24th December 2021

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- (xxvi) **“elected member”** means a member, who has been elected under the provisions of this Act;
- (xxvii) **“Election Commission”** means the Election Commission of Pakistan;
- (xxviii) **“electoral unit”** means a portion of a local area from which one or more members shall be elected;
- (xxix) **“employee of the Council”** means a person holding a post as mentioned in the Schedule of Establishment;
- (xxx) **“encroachment”** means unauthorized occupation of or undue interference with a street, building, land, place or premises vesting in or under the management or control of a Council;
- (xxxi) 1 * * * * *
- (xxxii) **“factory”** has the same meaning as is assigned to it under the Factories Act, 1934 (Act XXV of 1934);
- (xxxiii) **“food”** has the same meaning as is assigned to it under the Sindh Pure Food Ordinance, 1960 (West Pakistan Ordinance VII of 1960);
- (xxxiv) **“Government”** means the Government of Sindh;
- (xxxv) **“infectious disease”** means cholera, plague, small pox and tuberculosis and includes such other disease as Government may, by notification in the official Gazette declare to be an infectious disease for the purposes of the Act;
- ²[(xxxv-a) **“labourer”** includes a worker or workman as defined in the Factories Act, 1934 or in an industrial or commercial establishment as defined in the West Pakistan Industrial and Commercial Employment (Standing Orders) Ordinance, 1968, at clerical

¹ Clause “xxxi” omitted by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.2.

² New Clause “xxxv-a” ins, by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013.

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- (xxxvi) **“land”** has the same meaning as is assigned to it under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (Act I of 1894) and includes the land covered with water;
- (xxxvii) **“land revenue”** has the same meaning as is assigned to it under the Sindh Land Revenue Act, 1967 (Act XVII of 1967) and includes charges levied for grazing under any law for the time being in force;
- (xxxviii) **“local area”** means an area, which lies within the jurisdiction or limits of a Council;
- (xxxix) **“Local Fund”** means the Fund of a Council;
- (xl) **“Local Government Commission”** means the Sindh Local Government Commission constituted this Act;
- (xli) **“market”** means a place where persons assemble for the sale and purchase of meat, fish, fruit, vegetables or any other articles or goods, or for the sale and, purchase of livestock or animals and includes a shopping centre, a commercial office or premises and any place which may be notified as a market in accordance with the rules;
- (xlii) **“Mayor”** means the Mayor of a Corporation;
- (xliii) **“Member”** means a member of a Council;
- (xliv) **“Metropolitan Corporation”** means Metropolitan Corporation constituted under this Act or any other area declared as such by Government;
- (xlv) **“Municipal Commissioner”** means the Officer Incharge of the Administration of a Corporation;

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¹[(xlv-a) “**Municipal Corporation**” means a Municipal Corporation constituted in a city area in a Divisional Headquarters except Metropolitan Corporation under this Act;]

(xlv) “**Municipal Committee**” means a Municipal Committee constituted under this Act;

(xlvii) “**municipality**” means an urban area declared as a municipality under this Act;

(xlviii) “**nuisance**” includes any act, omission, place or thing which causes or is likely to cause injury, danger, annoyance or offence to the sense of sight, smell or hearing or which is or may be dangerous to life or injurious to health or property;

(xlix) “**occupier**” includes an owner in actual occupation of his own building or land or is liable to pay to the owner the rent or any portion of the rent of the land or building;

(l) “**owner**” includes the person for the time being receiving the rent of a building or land, whether on his own account or as an agent or trustee for any person or society or for any religious or charitable purpose;

(li) ²[“**peasant**” includes a person who is engaged personally in the cultivation of land;]

³[(li-aa) “**person with disabilities**” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it under clause (s) of the Sindh Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2018 (Sindh Act No. XLVIII of 2018);]

¹ New clause Xlv-a ins, by the Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

² Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov,2013, s.2.

³ New clause “li-aa” ins., by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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¹[(li-a) “**political party**” means an association of citizens or a combination or groups of such associations formed with a view to propagate or influence political opinion and participate in elections for any elective public office or for membership of a legislative body or a council;]

- (lii) “**prescribed**” means prescribed by rules;
- (liii) “**primary education**” means education imparted to all or any of the classes I to VIII in any school other than a high school, by a Council from its own resources;
- (liv) “**population**” means the population in accordance with the last preceding census officially published;
- (lv) “**prohibited zone**” means any part of the local area of an urban Council declared as prohibited zone under this Act;
- (lvi) “**Province**” means the Province of the Sindh;
- (lvii) “**public graveyard**” means a place used for the burial of dead which is not a private property and is open to public;
- (lviii) “**public place**” means any building, premises or place to which the public have access;
- (lix) “**public vehicle**” means any vehicle which ordinarily plies for hire;
- (lx) “**public way**” means a way maintained by Government or by a Council or other local authority;
- (lxi) “**public road**” means a road maintained by Government or by a Council or a local authority;

¹ New clause “li-a” ins., by the Sindh Act No. XVIII of 2014, Dt-28th Oct,2014, s.3.

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- (Ixii) **“public street”** means a street maintained by Government or by a Council or a local authority;
- (Ixiii) **“rate”** means an impost levied for the purpose of recovering expenses incurred on providing a service facility to the residents of any area or on any work of public utility;
- (Ixiv) **“refuse”** includes rubbish, broken bricks, mortar, broken glass, offal, night soil, sweepings, carcasses of animals, deposit of sewerage, waste blood, horn, hoofs, bones and meat waste and any other offensive matter;
- (Ixv) **“relative”** means and includes parents, guardians, children, adopted children, brothers and sisters;
- (Ixvi) **“remuneration”** includes salary, allowances and pension;
- (Ixvii) **“rent”** means whatever is lawfully payable in money or kind by a tenant or lessee on account of occupation of any building or land;
- (Ixviii) **“road”** includes a road which is not a thoroughfare;
- (Ixix) **“rules”** means rules made under this Act;
- (Ixx) **“Rural Council”** means a Union Council or a Zila Council;
- (Ixxi) **“rural area”** means any area which is not an Urban Area;
- (Ixxii) **“Schedule”** means a Schedule to this Act;
- (Ixxiii) **“Schedule of Establishment”** means the Schedule of Establishment prepared under this Act;
- (Ixxiv) **“Secretary”** means the Secretary of a Union Council and Town Committee;

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- (lxxv) **“Sindh Councils Unified Grades”** means the service constituted under section 121;
- (lxxvi) **“street line”** means a line dividing the land comprised in, and forming part of, a street from the adjoining land;
- (lxxvii) **“sullage”** includes sewerage, polluted water, rain water and any other offensive matter carried by a drain;
- (lxxviii) **“specify”** means specified by an order of Government;
- (lxxix) **“street”** includes a street which is not a thoroughfare;
- (lxxx) **“tannery”** means any building, place or premises where hides and skins are dyed or tanned;
- (lxxxi) **“tax”** includes any toll, rate, cess, fee, or other impost leviable under this Act;
- (lxxxii) **“tenant”** means a person who cultivates agricultural land not exceeding sixteen acres and is liable to give batai of such land to the Zamindar but does not own agricultural land;
- (lxxxiii) **“Town”** means an urban area declared as Town under **the** Act;
- (lxxxiv) **“Town Committee”** means a Town Committee constituted under **the** Act;
- ¹[(lxxxiv-a) **“Town in Metropolitan Corporation”** means a Town in a Metropolitan Corporation notified under this Act;
- (lxxxiv-b) **“Town in Municipal Corporation”** means the Town Municipal Corporation in a Municipal Corporation

¹ New clauses ins., by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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under this Act;]

(lxxxv) **“Town Officer”** means the Officer Incharge of the Administration of a Town Committee;

¹[(lxxxv-a) **“Transgender person”** is a person who is-

- (i) Inter-sex (khunsa) with mixture of male and female genital features or congenital ambiguities; or
- (ii) Eunuch assigned male at birth, but undergoes genital excision or castration; or
- (iii) A transgender man, transgender woman, khawajasira or any person whose gender identity and/or gender expressions differs from the social norms and cultural expectations based on the sex they were assigned at the time of the birth;]

(lxxxvi) **“Tribunal”** means a Tribunal constituted under this Act;

(lxxxvii) **“Union”** means a rural area declared as Union under this Act;

(lxxxviii) **“Union Committee”** corresponding to the wards as determined by the Government.

(lxxxix) **“Union Council”** means Union Council constituted under this Act;

(xc) **“urban area”** means an urban area recognized or declared as such under this Act;

(xci) **“Urban Council”** means a town committee, a municipal committee, a municipal corporation or a metropolitan corporation;

(xcii) **“Vehicle”** means a wheeled conveyance capable of being used on a street;

(xciii) **“Vice Chairman”** means the Vice Chairman and

¹ New clause “lxxxv-a” ins., by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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includes a Chairperson of a Union Council, District Council, Town Committee or a Municipal Committee;

(xciv) **“village”** means the area comprising of a revenue estate within the meaning of the Sindh Land Revenue Act, 1967(Act XVII of 1967);

(xcv) **“voter”** means a person whose name for the time being appears on the electoral rolls prepared or adopted for the purposes of the Act;

(xcvi) **“water works”** includes a lake, stream, spring, well, pump, reservoir, cistern, tank, duct, sluice, pipe, engine or other appliance and anything for supplying or used for supplying water;

(xcvii) **“way”** means a road, footpath, square, alley or passage leading to a public way or not;

(xcviii) 1 * * * * *

(xcix) **“ward”** means a basic electoral unit under this Act;

²[(xcx) **“youth”** means a person below the age of twenty five years at the time of filling of nomination papers;].

4. The Councils established under this Act shall succeed the rights, assets and liabilities of the councils established under the Local Government Laws in the Province. **Succession.**

5.(1) The Councils established under the Act shall function within the provincial framework and shall faithfully observe the Federal and Provincial Laws. **Council to work within the frame work of the**

(2) In the performance of their functions, the Councils shall not impede or prejudice the exercise of the executive authority of Government. **provincial Government.**

¹ Clause “xcviii” omitted by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.2.

² New clause “xcx” added by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug, 2015, s.2.

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6. 1 * * * * * * *

7.(1) A Council shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal with power, subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules, to acquire, hold and alienate property, both movable and immovable and shall by its name sue and be sued.

Council to be a body corporate.

(2) The seal shall be in accordance with the description approved by the Council and shall remain in the custody of the Chief Executive who shall be responsible for its proper use.

CHAPTER- II
COUNCILS

8.(1) Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, categorize a District into urban area and rural area.

Local areas.

(2) For purposes of the Act, Government shall, by notification, declare a local area consisting of -

(a) urban area in a District, as a Metropolitan Corporation, ²[Town Municipal Corporation], Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committee, Town Committee, ³[Union Committee and Ward];

(b) rural area in a District, as a District Council and Union Council;

(3) Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, after inviting public objections and suggestions, alter the limits of a local area and declare that any area shall cease to be a Union Council, District Council, Municipal Committee, Corporation, Town Committee, ⁴[Union Committee and Ward].

(4) Any two or more adjoining Councils within a District may, after inviting public objections through a resolution passed by

¹ "S.6" omitted, by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.3.

² Subs, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021, for words" District Municipal Corporation".

³ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, Dt-2nd Mar, 2015, s.2.

⁴ Subs. *ibid*.

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two-thirds majority of the total membership of each of the councils, make a proposal to Government for a change in their ¹[revenue boundaries] subject to the condition that no revenue boundary shall be divided and the size of population in the relevant local area shall, as far as possible, be close to the average population of similar local areas in the District.

²[8-A. The ward will be basic electoral unit].

9.(1) Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, divide a council into two or more councils or reconstitute two or more councils as one council or alter the limits ³[a council except a Union Council or Union Committee during the process of delimitation] of a council and may specify in the notification the consequences which shall ensue upon the publication of such notification.

**Division and
reconstitution of a
council.**

(2) When, as a result of such division or reconstitution, any new council is constituted, in accordance with the provisions of the Act in the manner specified in the notification -

- (a) the existing members of any council so divided or reconstituted shall become the members of such council as the Government may, by notification, specify as if each such member had been elected to that Council; and
- (b) such council shall, to the extent and in the manner specified in the notification, be the successor of the council so divided or reconstituted:

⁴[Provided that the limits of a local area shall remain unchanged after announcement of election schedule by the Election Commission till the notification of returned candidates of the election.].

⁵[10. (1) Government shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, determine the number of Union Councils, Union **Delimitation of
Union Council,**

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.4, for words "respective boundaries".

² New "s.8-A" ins. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, Dt-2nd Mar 2015, s.8-A.

³ Ins. *ibid.*, s.3.

⁴ New Proviso added, *ibid.*

⁵ Subs. *ibid.*, s.4.

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Committees and Wards in Municipal Committees and Town Committees in accordance with the First Schedule.

Union Committee and Ward.

(2) After demarcation of the Councils under section 8 and determination of the number of Union Councils, Union Committees and Wards under sub-section (1), the Election Commission shall delimit the Union Councils, Union Committees and Wards.

(3) As far as possible -

(a) the area of a Union Council, Union Committee or a Ward, as the case may be, shall be a territorial unity ¹[:]

¹[Provided that the population in a specific case, Government may, for the reasons to be recorded, waive the aforesaid conditions in this sub-section,];

(b) the population of the Union Councils, Union Committees or Wards, as the case may be, in a District shall be uniform;

(c) the boundaries of a Union Council, Union Committee or a Ward shall not cross the limits of a revenue taluka or as the case may be, a Metropolitan Corporation, District Municipal Corporation, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committee and Town Committee;

(d) the principles laid down in the ²[Elections Act, 2017] or any other law, for the time being in force, may be adhered to.

(4) A Union Council or Union Committee shall consist of four Wards for general members and shall be an area consisting of one or more revenue dehs or wards, or one or more census blocks, as determined for the purpose of the last preceding census, or a census block

¹ (;) replaced and after that proviso added by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

² Subs. by the Sindh Act No. V of 2019, Dt-27th Feb,2019, s.2.

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or a revenue deh, delimited and notified as such by the Election Commission.

(5) The Ward in an urban or rural area shall, as far as possible, consist of a census block or adjoining census blocks as determined for the purpose of the last preceding census or a census block or blocks and a revenue deh or dehs delimited and notified as such by the Election Commission].

¹[(6) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Election Commission while carrying out the delimitation, shall, as far as possible, conform to the delimitation carried out for local government elections held in 2015 under this Act.]

11.2 * * * * *

12.3 * * * Any area declared as Union, Town, Municipality or Corporation shall, as far as possible be compact and contiguous with territorial unity.

Characteristics of a Local area.

13.(1) Government may, after inviting objections from the residents of an area and hearing those from amongst them who wish to be heard, declare by notification such area, to be an urban area or rural area, as the case may be.

Declaration of urban and rural areas.

(2) For the purposes of the Act, all areas which are urban areas or rural areas, as the case may be, at the time of commencement of the Act shall be deemed to be urban areas or rural areas, as the case may be.

14.(1) Government may, by notification, declare any urban area other than the area of a Cantonment Board as-

Declaration of Town, Municipality, Municipal Corporation and Metropolitan Corporation.

- (a) a Union Committee;
- (b) a Town Committee;
- (c) a Municipal Committee;
- (d) a Municipal Corporation;

¹ New sub-section "6" added by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

² "S.11" omitted. by the Sindh Act No. XVIII of 2014, Dt-28th Oct 2014, s.5.

³ The figure and brackets "(1)" omitted. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov 2013, s.7.

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¹[(d-i) a Town Municipal Corporation in a Municipal Corporation];

(e) a Metropolitan Corporation;

²[(f) a Town Municipal Corporation in a Metropolitan Corporation]

³[(2) Government may, after inviting objections from the residents of any Town Committee, Municipal Committee, Municipal Corporation ⁴[, Town Municipal Corporation] or Metropolitan Corporation and hearing those from amongst them who wish to be heard in person, declare by notification the status of such council accordingly.].

(3) When the declaration has been made under sub-section (2), the Members, Chairman and Vice-Chairman or, Mayor and Deputy Mayor, as the case may be, of the Council existing immediately before the declaration, shall be deemed to be the Members, Chairman and Vice-Chairman or, Mayor or Deputy Mayor, or as the case may be, of the Council to be constituted for the local area after the declaration, until elections are held to such Council.

CHAPTER-III
CONSTITUTION AND COMPOSITION OF COUNCILS

15. ⁵ * * * As soon as may be, the following Councils shall be constituted -

Constitution of Council.

(a) in urban area –

(i) a Union Committee for each ward in the Corporation;

⁶[(ii) a Town Committee for each Town comprising of single member ward];

⁷[(iii) a Municipal Committee for each Municipality comprising of single member ward];

¹ New clause “d-i” ins., by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

² New clause “f” ins., *ibid*.

³ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, Dt- 2nd Mar, 2015, s.5.

⁴ Comma and words ins., by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

⁵ The figure and brackets “(1)” omitted by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.8.

⁶ Subs. *ibid*., for “clause (ii)”.

⁷ Subs. *ibid*., for “clause (iii)”.

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¹[(IV) Town Municipal Corporation in each Municipal Corporation;

(v) Town Municipal Corporation in Metropolitan Corporation;];

(vi) a Metropolitan Corporation for each Metropolitan city ²[:]

²[Provided that no area shall be deemed to be rural area in a Metropolitan area;]

(b)in rural area -

(i) a Union Council for each Union;

(ii) a District Council for each District:

³[Provided that there shall be no District Council in Karachi Division and Hyderabad District].

16. A Council shall, unless Government notifies otherwise, be known as the Council of the place where its office is situated.

Name of the Council.

⁴[17. Government may, after inviting objections from the residents of any Union Council, Union Committee, Town Committee, Municipal Committee, Municipal Corporation ⁵[Town Municipal Corporation] or Metropolitan Corporation, and hearing those from amongst them who wish to be heard, by notification after consulting concerned Council, extend, curtail or alter the limits of such Council, or declare that any such Council, shall from a specified date, cease to be Union Council, Union Committee, Town Committee, Municipal Committee, Municipal Corporation ⁵[Town Municipal Corporation] or Metropolitan Corporation.

Extension or alteration of area of a Council.

Provided that nothing contained in this section shall apply to a Union Council and Union Committee, during

¹ Subs for "clause (iv) and (v)", by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

² Semi colon replaced and proviso added., ibid.

³ Subs for "Proviso", ibid.

⁴ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, Dt-2nd Mar,2015, s.6.

⁵ Ins., by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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the period of delimitation process.].

18.(1) A Council shall consist of such number of directly or indirectly elected members ¹[as provided in this Act or] as may, from time to time, be determined by Government.

**Composition of
Councils.**

²[(2) **Union Committee.** There shall be such number of Union Committees in urban areas as may be determined by Government and each Union Committee shall comprise of the following members.

- (a) a chairman and a vice Chairman to be elected as joint candidates;
- (b) four general members, each elected from his respective ward;
- (c) two women members;
- (d) one labourer or peasant member;
- (e) one youth member;
- (f) one non-muslim member;

Provided that the persons in clauses (a) and (b) shall be elected on the basis of adult franchise by the electors falling within the respective Union Committee or ward respectively, while the members in clauses (c) of (f) shall be elected in the manner as may be prescribed;

Provided further that the Chairman of Each Union Committee shall represent the Union Committee in Metropolitan Corporation or Municipal Corporation, as the case may be, and vice Chairman shall represent the Union Committee in respective District Municipal Corporation;];

³[(3) ⁴**Town Municipal Corporation in a Metropolitan Corporation].** There shall be a ⁴[Town] Municipal Corporation for each ⁴[town] in a Metropolitan Corporation and shall

¹ Ins. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.9.

² Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug, 2015, s.3.

³ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, Dt-2nd Mar, 2015, s.7.

⁴ Subs, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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comprise of the following members:-

- (a) all the elected Vice Chairmen of the Union Committees falling within that [town];
- (b) reserved seats to the extent of ¹[33%] for women members, ²[5% for youth members(at least one), 5% for non-Muslim members(at least one), 5% for labourer or peasant members(at least one), 1% for person with disabilities members (atleast one) and 1% transgender person members (at least one)] elected in the manner provided in section 18-A;
- (c) ³* * * * *

⁴[(4) Metropolitan Corporation. A Metropolitan Corporation shall comprise of the following members:-

- (a) all the elected Chairmen of the Union Committees of respective ⁵[Town];
- (b) reserved seats to the extent of ¹[33%] for women members, ²[5% for youth members(at least one), 5% for non-Muslim members(at least one), 5% for labourer or peasant members(at least one), 1% for person with disabilities members (atleast one) and 1% transgender person members (at least one)] elected in the manner provided in section 18-A.
- (c) ³* * * * *

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug, 2015, s.3, for figure “22%”.

² Subs, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

³ Omitted by the Sindh Act No. XI of 2023, dated 12-05-2023.

⁴ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, Dt-2nd Mar,2015, s.7.

⁵ Subs for the word “District”, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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¹[(5) Union Council. There shall be such number of Union Councils in the rural areas as may be determined by Government and each Union Council shall comprise of the following members:-

- a) a Chairman and a Vice Chairman to be elected as joint candidates;
- b) four general members, each elected from his respective ward;
- c) two women members;
- d) one labourer or peasant member;
- e) one youth member;
- f) one non-Muslim member;

Provided that the persons in clauses (a) and (b) shall be elected on the basis of adult franchise by the electors, falling within the respective Union Council, while the members in clauses (c) to (f) shall be elected in the manner as may be prescribed;]

(6) District Council. There shall be a District Council which shall comprise of the following members :-

²[(a) One member from each Union Council of the district to be directly elected on the basis of adult franchise by electors falling within the respective Union Councils;];

³[(b) reserved seats to the extent of **⁴[33%]** for women members, **⁵[5%]** for youth members(at least one), 5% for non-Muslim members(at least one), 5% for labourer or peasant members(at

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug, 2015, s.3.

² Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug, 2015.

³ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, Dt-2nd Mar,2015, s.7.

⁴ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug, 2015, s.3, for figure "22%".

⁵ Subs, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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least one), 1% for person with disabilities members (atleast one) and 1% transgender person members (at least one)] elected in the manner provided in section 18-A;

(c) 1 * * * * *

(7) Municipal Corporations. There shall be as many Municipal Corporations as may be determined by Government and shall comprise of the following members:-

²[(a) ³[Chairmen] elected by Union Committees;

(b) reserved seats to the extent of ⁴[33%] for women members, ⁵[5% for youth members(at least one), 5% for non-Muslim members(at least one), 5% for labourer or peasant members(at least one), 1% for person with disabilities members (atleast one) and 1% transgender person members (at least one)] elected in the manner provided in section 18-A of the Act;

(c) 1* * * * *

⁶**[7-A. Town Municipal Corporation in a Municipal Corporation.** There shall be a Town Municipal Corporation for each Town in a Municipal Corporation and shall comprise of the following members:-

- (a) all the elected Vice-Chairmen of the Union Committees falling within that Town;
- (b) reserved seats to the extent of 33% for women members, 5% for youth members (at least one),

¹ Omitted by the Sindh Act No. XI of 2023, dated 12-05-2023.

² Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, Dt-2nd Mar,2015, s.7.

³ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug, 2015, s.3, for word “members”.

⁴ Subs. *ibid.*, for figure “22%”.

⁵ Subs, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

⁶ New subsection 7-A ins., *ibid.*

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5% for non-Muslim members(at least one), 5% for labourer or peasant members(at least one), 1% for person with disabilities members (atleast one) and 1% transgender person members (at least one) elected in the manner provided in section 18-A of the Act;

(c) 1* * * * *

²[(8) Municipal Committees. : There shall be as many Municipal Committees consisting of single member wards as may be determined by Government and shall comprise of the following members:-

(a) each member elected from its respective ward;

(b) reserve seats to the extent of ³[33%] for women members, ⁴[5% for youth members(at least one), 5% for non-Muslim members(at least one), 5% for labourer or peasant members(at least one), 1% for person with disabilities members (atleast one) and 1% transgender person members (at least one)] elected in the manner provided in section 18-A;

(c) 1* * * * *

(9) Town Committees. There shall be as many Town Committees as may be determined by the Government and shall comprise of the single member wards falling within that

¹ Omitted by the Sindh Act No. XI of 2023, dated 12-05-2023.

² Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, Dt-2nd Mar,2015, s.7.

³ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug, 2015, for figure "22%".

⁴ Subs, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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Town Committee. The Town Committee shall comprise of the following members:-

(a) each member elected from its respective ward;

¹[(b) reserved seats to the extent of 33% for women members, ²[5% for youth members (at least one), 5% for non-Muslim members(at least one), 5% for labourer or peasant members(at least one), 1% for person with disabilities members (atleast one) and 1% transgender person members (at least one)]elected in the manner as may be prescribed;]

(c) 3 * * * * *

4[(10). For the purpose of determining the number of seats for women, youth, labour or peasant and non-muslims, if the number of seats fall short of one seat, atleast one seat shall be allocated to each Council.

Provided that fraction less than 0.5 shall not be counted and fraction 0.5 or more than 0.5 shall be counted as a whole seat in each category of reserved seats.].

⁵[18-A. (1) For the purpose of election to the seats reserved for women, ⁶[youth], peasant or labourer and non-muslim in a Council other than Union Council and Union Committee, the political party contesting election for such seats shall within the period fixed by the Commission for submission of nomination papers, file separate lists of their candidates in order of priority for seats reserved for woman, ⁶[youth], peasant or labourer and non-muslim with the District Returning

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XIV of 2016, Dt-29th Apr,2016, s.2.

² Subs, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

³ Omitted by the Sindh Act No. XI of 2023, dated 12-05-2023.

⁴ "S.S.10". added by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug,2015, s.3, which was previously omitted by the Sindh Act No. XVIII of 2014, Dt-28th Oct 2014.

⁵ Revival of "S.18-A" by Sindh Act No. XV of 2016, Dt-29th Apr,2016, s.2, which was previously omitted by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug,2015.

⁶ Ins. ibid., s.3.

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Officer who shall also act as the Returning Officer for the aforementioned reserved seats in the District.

(2) The lists submitted under sub-section (1) with the Returning Officer shall be published forthwith for information of public at large.

(3) The parties' lists referred to in sub-section (1), may contain as many names of additional candidates as the political party may deem necessary for contesting seats reserved for woman, ²[youth], peasant or labourer and non-muslim to provide for any disqualification of candidates during scrutiny of nomination papers or for filling of any vacant seat during the term of Council concerned.

(4) Where a seat reserved for woman, ²[youth], peasant or labourer and non-muslim in a Council falls vacant due to death, resignation or disqualification of a member, it shall be filled in by the next person in order of precedent from the parties lists of the candidates submitted to the Returning Officer under sub-section (1).

(5) Every candidate contesting election on a seat reserved for woman, ²[youth], peasant or labourer and non-muslim shall, alongwith the nomination papers and other relevant documents submit to the Returning Officer appointed by the Commission in this behalf –

- (a) a copy of party list of the candidates' political party for such seat;
- (b) declaration and statements as required by law or rules in support of the nomination; and
- (c) the fee required under the law for the time being in force for filing nomination papers].

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¹[18-B. Appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Chairman and Vice Chairman. Notwithstanding any other law for the time being in force, the Metropolitan Corporation, Town Municipal Corporation, Municipal corporation, District Council, Municipal committee and Town Committee, so constituted shall elect any person as a Mayor and Deputy mayor, Chairman and Vice Chairman by show of hands:

Provided any person so elected as the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council shall not continue to hold the said office unless he is elected as a member of the respective Council within a period of six months of taking oath of office].

¹ Section 18-B inseted by the Sindh Act No. XI of 2023, dated 12-05-2023.

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19. Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be construed to prevent a women, ¹[youth], worker or peasant or a non-Muslim from being a candidate or elected to a general seat in any Council.

Saving.

20.(1) Subject to the provision of the Act, the term of office of a Council shall be four years commencing on the date on which it holds its first meeting.

Term of the Council and first meeting.

(2) The first meeting of a Council shall be held not later than thirty days from the day on which the names of its members are notified.

CHAPTER- IV
MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS OF THE COUNCIL

21. ²[(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a council other than a Union Council and Union Committee shall after notification of Woman, ¹[Youth], Non-Muslim, Laborer and Peasant members in terms of Section 18(A), elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Chairman and Vice Chairman, as joint candidates, as the case may be and a leader of the Opposition in the respective Council.];

Election of office bearers and nominated members of the Council.

(2) The office bearers and members of the Council shall hold office for the period of four years or the residue of his or her term as a member whichever is less ³[from the day of taking oath]

⁴[(3) On expiry of the term of office of the Council, Government shall immediately send a request to the Election Commission for holding fresh election within 120 days:

Provided that Government may appoint an Administrator to perform the functions of the Council until the elected Council

¹ Ins. by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug, 2015, s.5,

² Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, Dt-2nd Mar,2015, s.8.

³ Added, *ibid*.

⁴ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, Dt-2nd Mar,2015, s.8.

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assumes the office.].

22.(1) A member shall, before taking his seat in a Council make and subscribe to an oath in such form as may be prescribed. **Oath of office.**

(2) The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman and Vice Chairman, shall assume office by making and subscribing to an oath in such form as may be prescribed.

23. (1) Every Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Member of the Council shall within thirty days of making oath file a declaration of his or her assets and liabilities before such authority and in such form and manner as may be prescribed. **Declaration of assets.**

(2) Where a Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Member has failed to file the declaration referred to in sub-section (1), his or her membership shall be suspended and shall remain so, till he or she files the declaration.

24. (1) If the office of a Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman or a Vice Chairman or member of the Council, other than the office of Chairman or Vice Chairman or member of a Union Council or Union Committee, for any reason, falls vacant during the term of office of a Council, the new Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman or Vice Chairman or the member shall be elected or nominated, as the case may be in the prescribed manner within thirty days from the date when such vacancy is notified and he or she shall, subject to this Act, hold office for the remaining term of the Council. **Casual vacancy.**

(2) If the office of a Chairman of a Union Council or Union Committee or its members or member of ward for any reason, falls vacant during the term of office of the Council, the new Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Union Council or its member or a member of a ward shall be elected in the prescribed manner within sixty days from the date such vacancy is notified and he or she shall, subject to this Act, hold office for the remaining term of the Council.

(3) If the vacancy in the office of a member of a Council occurs within six months of the expiry of the term of a Council, the vacancy shall not be filled.

25.(1) A Member shall be removed if he or she - **Removal from**

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- (a) has been found to be not qualified or disqualified from being elected or chosen or from being a member under the Act; or
- (b) has acted or is acting in contravention of the provisions of the Act, rules or bye-laws; or
- (c) has absented without reasonable cause from three consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council; or
- (d) is guilty of misconduct; or
- (e) refuses to take oath of office.

Explanation:- “misconduct” includes bribery, corruption, favoritism, nepotism, any illegal act or willful diversion of funds of a Council or any attempt at or abetment of such misconduct.

(2) No member shall be removed unless he or she is provided an opportunity of hearing and presenting his or her explanation before any action is taken under sub-section (1).

¹[(3) Government shall pass order for removal of the member and refer the matter to the Election Commission for issuance of notification for removal of the member and henceforth he or she shall cease to be a member of the Council.].

26.(1) A Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman, Vice Chairman or a member of a Council may resign his or her office by tendering resignation in writing under his or her hand ²[to the Chief Executive of the Council] of which he or she is the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman, Vice Chairman or a member. **Resignation.**

³[(2) The resignation tendered under sub-section (1) shall be deemed to have been accepted and effective forthwith and ⁴[the Chief Executive of the Council] shall forward the copies of resignation to the ²**[Secretary, Local Government]** which shall be sent to the Election Commission for notification.].

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.10.

² Subs. by the Sindh Act No. VI of 2019, Dt-27th Feb, 2019, s.2, for words “to the Council”.

³ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.11.

⁴ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. VI of 2019, Dt-27th Feb, 2019, s.2, for word “the Council” and “Government”.

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27.¹[(1) A Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman or Vice-Chairman, **except the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Union Committee and Union Council** shall be removed from office if a vote of no- confidence is passed against him or her by **simple majority** of the total number of the Members of the Council concerned.]

Vote of no confidence against office bearers.

***Explanation-** A motion of no confidence shall be deemed to have failed, if, at the meeting to consider the motion, it did not secure the requisite majority of votes in its favour or was not moved for want of quorum or for any other reason.*

(2) No person against whom a vote of no confidence has been passed shall be eligible for re-election as a Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman or Vice-Chairman ²[except the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Union Committee or Union Council], as the case may be, during the residue of the term of the Council concerned.

³[28. Every election, resignation, death or removal of a Member, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman, Vice-Chairman as the case may be, shall be notified by the Election Commission.].

Election resignation etc. to be notified.

29. No person, who has been removed from membership under any provision of the Act, shall, during the unexpired period of the term of the Council, be eligible for election to any Council.

Consequences of removal.

30. Any person being aggrieved by his or her removal under the Act, may within thirty days of such removal prefer an appeal to the Election Commission of Pakistan.

Appeal to Election Commission of Pakistan.

31. The Mayor or Chairman and Deputy Mayor or Vice-Chairman may be paid such honoraria or allowed such other privileges as may be prescribed and the honoraria and other privileges prescribed for the first time after coming into force of the Act shall be admissible, from the date on which such Mayor or Chairman or Deputy Mayor or Vice-Chairman has assumed office.

Honoraria and privileges.

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. V of 2019, Dt-27th Feb,2019, s.3.

² Ins. by the Sindh Act No. VIII of 2017, Dt-10th Apr,2017, s.2.

³ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.12.

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CHAPTER-V
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

- ¹[31-A (1) For the purpose of Local Government Elections, the Election Commission shall delimit Councils, Committees and Wards in the manner as provided in this Act.].
- ²[(2) For the purposes of delimitation of an urban area, a ward shall, as far as possible, consist of a census block or adjoining census blocks.
- (3) For the purpose of delimitation of a Union Council, Union Committee, a ward shall, as far as possible, consist of a whole or part of a deh, a census block or combination of adjoining villages or census blocks.]

32. Save as otherwise provided under the Act;

Franchise and wards.

- (a) election of members of all councils, shall be held through secret ballot on the basis of adult franchise in such manner as may be prescribed.
- (b) ³[Election Commission] may for the purpose of election divide a local area into such number of Union Councils ⁴[Union Committees] or Wards having a definite boundary as it may determine.
- (c) the Union Councils ²[Union Committees] or Wards may be multi members or single members as the case may be.
- (d) 5 * * * * *

33. The elections to the Council under this Act shall be held **Election on party**

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, Dt-2nd Mar,2015, s.9.

² New "S.31-A" ins. by the Sindh Act No. XVIII of 2014, Dt-28th Oct 2014, s.8

³ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XVIII of 2014, Dt-28th Oct 2014, s.9, for word "Government".

⁴ Ins. ibid.

⁵ Clause "d" omitted by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.13.

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on party basis:

basis.

Provided that any candidate may contest election as independent candidate and may subsequently join any party.

34.(1) The Election Commission of Pakistan shall conduct elections for the Councils under this Act.

**Election
Commission to
conduct elections.**

(2) Government shall, in consultation with the Election Commission, make an announcement of the date or dates on which the election for the Councils shall be conducted in the Province or part thereof:

¹[Provided further that Government may extend or curtail the period mentioned in this section if the circumstances so warrant.].

(3) Upon announcement of the date or dates of elections of the Councils under sub-section(2), the Election Commission of Pakistan shall organize and conduct the elections and to make necessary arrangements as are necessary to ensure that the election is conducted honestly, justly, fairly and the corrupt practices are guarded against.

²[(4) The Election Commission may authorize its Commissioner or any officer to perform its functions as may be deemed necessary].

35. (1) A person shall not be qualified to be elected or chosen as a member of the Council unless -

**Qualifications for
candidates as
members.**

- (a) he is a citizen of Pakistan; and
- (b) he is not less than twenty one years of age on the last day fixed for filing the nomination papers; and
- (c) he is enrolled as a voter in the electoral rolls of ³[the concerned Council or ward].
- (d) he has not, after the establishment of Pakistan, worked against the integrity of the country or opposed the ideology of the Pakistan.

36. (1) A person shall be disqualified from being elected or

Disqualifications

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.14.

² New "S.S.4" added, by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.14.

³ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug,2015, s.6.

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chosen as and from being a member of the Council, if –

**for candidates as
members.**

(a) he is of unsound mind and has been so declared by a competent court; or

(b) he is an un-discharged insolvent;

(c) 1 * * * * * *

(d) he holds an office of profit in the service of Pakistan, or Province of Sindh or a Council;

(e) he is in the service of any statutory body or a body which is owned or controlled by the Government or the Federal Government or a Council or, in which any of such Government or Council has a controlling share or interest, except the holders of elected public office; provided that in case of a person who has resigned or retired from any such service, a period of not less than six months has elapsed since his resignation or retirement; or

(f) he has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction for an offence involving moral turpitude or misuse of power or authority under any law unless a period of three years has elapsed since his release; or

(g) he has been convicted for an offence involving activities prejudicial to the ideology, interest, security, unity, solidarity, peace and integrity of Pakistan, unless a period of three years has elapsed since his release.

¹ "Clause c" omitted by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug,2015, s.7.

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- (h) he has been dismissed, removed or compulsorily retired from public service on the grounds of misconduct unless a period of three years has elapsed since his dismissal, removal or compulsory retirement;
- (i) he is under contract for work to be done or goods to be supplied to a council or has otherwise any direct pecuniary interest in its affairs;
- (j) he is for the time being disqualified or chosen as a member of the Provincial Assembly under any law for the time being in force.
- (k) he is certified by his Political Party to have defected from the Party.

¹[(2) Whoever –

- (a) is found by the Election Commission to have contravened the provisions of sub-section (1), shall stand disqualified from being a candidate for election to any office of a Council for a period of four years;
- (b) having been elected as a member of a Council or is a holder of an elective office of the Council is found by the Election Commission to have contravened the provisions of sub-section (1) shall cease forthwith to be an elected member or to hold the office of such member and stand disqualified from being a candidate for election to a Council for a period of four years.]

37.(1) Save as provided otherwise under this Act, no person shall, at the same time, be a member of more than one Council.

Prohibition on dual membership.

¹ Added by the Sindh Act No. XVIII of 2014, Dt-28th Oct 2014, s.10.

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(2) Nothing contained in sub-section (1) shall prevent a person from being a candidate for two or more seats ² * in the same Council ³ * * * but if he is elected to more than one seat, he shall, within a period of fifteen days of the declaration of the result of the last such seat, resign all but one of his seats by addressing a letter to the Election Commission of Pakistan and if he does not so resign he shall be deemed to have retained the seat, to which he was elected last or, if he has been elected to more than one seat on the same day, the seat for election to which his nomination was last filed.

(3) Where a person has been elected to more than one seat in the same Council ³ * * *, he shall not sit in any such Council until he resigns all but one of his seats.

(4) Where an election for membership of a Union Council and a District Council is not held at the same time, nothing contained in sub-section (1) shall prevent a member of a Union Council from being a candidate of a seat in a District Council and vice-versa but the seat held by him shall stand vacated as soon as he is elected to the new seat.

(5) If a member of a council is elected as a member of the Parliament or Provincial Assembly, his seat as member of the Council shall stand vacated on his taking oath as a member of the Parliament or Provincial Assembly, as the case may be.

(6) A member of Parliament or Provincial Assembly on being elected as a member of Council shall have to resign as a Member of Parliament or Provincial Assembly, within a period of five weeks after the notification as a Member of Council.

38. (1) It shall be the duty of all executive authorities in the Province to assist the Election Commission of Pakistan in the discharge of its functions.

**Executive authority
to assist the
election.**

⁴[(2) After the election programme has been issued and till the publication of the names of the returned candidates in

¹ Provisos omitted by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.15,

² The word “whether” and words “or different councils” omitted by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug 2015, s.8.

³ The words “or different councils” omitted by the Sindh Act No. XXXVIII of 2015, Dt-27th Aug 2015, s.8.

⁴ New “s.s.2” added by the Sindh Act No. V of 2019, Dt-27th Feb, 2019, s.4.

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the official Gazette, any Government or authority shall not post or transfer any official appointed or deputed in connection with an election without prior approval in writing of the Commission, including posting or transfer the decision in respect whereof has not been implemented, and the Commission may itself issue necessary directions to any such Government or for the posting or transfer of any official.]

39. (1) A person shall be entitled to be enrolled as a voter if **Electoral rolls.**
he -

- (a) is a citizen of Pakistan;
- (b) is not less than eighteen years of age; and
- (c) fulfills such other conditions as the Election Commission may specify.

(2) The electoral rolls for the Councils elections shall be prepared ¹[or adopted] by the Election Commission of Pakistan in such manner as it may deem appropriate and the electoral rolls shall not be invalid by reason of any erroneous description in the electoral rolls of any person listed or of an omission of the name of any person entitled to be enrolled or of inclusion of the name of any person not so entitled.

(3) Every person whose name is entered in the electoral roll shall be entitled to cast ² * vote in the elections of ³[respective Council].

40. (1) Subject to sub-section (2), the Election Commission of Pakistan shall appoint from amongst the officers of the Election Commission, the Government, a body or entity controlled by the Government or any other Authority, a ⁴[District Returning Officer] Returning Officer and an Assistant Returning Officer for each constituency for the purposes of elections under this Act.

**Appointment of
Returning Officer
and other officers.**

(2) The Election Commission of Pakistan may appoint a person as Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer for two or more constituencies.

(3) An Assistant Returning Officer shall assist the Returning

¹ Ins. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.16.

² The word "a" omitted by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.16.

³ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XVIII of 2014, Dt-28th Oct 2014, s.11 for words "the Councils".

⁴ Ins. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.17.

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Officer in the performance of his functions under this Act and may, subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Election Commission, exercise and perform, under the control of the Returning Officer, the powers and functions of the Returning Officer.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Returning Officer to do all such acts as may be necessary for effectively conducting an election in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the rules.

41. ¹[(1) The Returning Officer shall, before such time as the Election Commission may fix, submit to the District Returning Officer a list of polling stations for the constituency;].

Polling Station.

²[(2) The District Returning Officer may make such alterations in the list of polling stations submitted under sub-section (1) if deems necessary and shall return to the Returning Officer the final list of polling stations at least fifteen days before the polling day, published in the official gazette, specifying the electoral areas assigned to polling stations;].

(3) The Returning Officer shall establish in each constituency polling stations according to the final list sent by the Election Commission specifying the electoral area and the voters of the electoral area who shall be entitled to vote at each polling station, and shall, at least three days before the polling day, give wide publicity, in such manner as he may deem fit, to the polling stations.

(4) A polling station shall not be located in any premises which belongs to or is under the control of any candidate.

42. (1) A Returning Officer shall appoint for each polling station a Presiding Officer and such number of Assistant Presiding Officers and Polling Officers to assist the Presiding Officer as the Returning Officer may consider necessary.

**Presiding Officer
and Polling Officer.**

(2) A person who is, or has at any time been, in the employment of any candidate shall not be appointed as a Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer or Polling Officer.

(3) The Returning Officer shall submit a list of Presiding Officers

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.18.

² Subs. ibid.

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and Polling Officers ¹[to the District Returning Officer] at least fifteen days before the polling day for approval and no change in the personnel shall be made except with the approval of the Election Commission.

(4) A Presiding Officer shall conduct the poll in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the rules and shall be responsible for maintaining order at the polling station and shall report to the Returning Officer any fact or incident which may, in his opinion, affect the fairness of the poll.

(5) The Returning Officer shall authorize one of the Assistant Presiding Officers to act in place of the Presiding Officer if the Presiding Officer is at any time during the poll, by reason of illness or other cause, not present at the polling station, or is unable to perform his functions.

(6) The Returning Officer may, at any time during the poll, for reasons to be recorded in writing, suspend any Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer or Polling Officer and make such arrangements as he may consider necessary for the performance of the functions of the Officer so suspended.

43. (1) The Election Commission shall provide the electoral rolls of the constituency to the Returning Officer.

Supply of Electoral rolls.

(2) The Returning Officer shall provide the electoral rolls, containing the names of the voters entitled to vote at a polling station, to the Presiding Officer.

44. In addition to the powers and functions of the Election Commission under this Act, the Election Commission shall, in relation to the elections of the Councils, exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed.

Other powers and functions of the Election Commission.

45. 2 * * * * *

46. (1) Subject to this Act, an election to an office of a council shall not be called in question except by an election petition.

Election petition.

(2) A candidate may, in the prescribed manner, file an election petition before the Election Tribunal challenging an

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.19, for words" to the Election Commission".

² "S.45" omitted by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.20.

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election under this Act.

47.(1) The Election Commission shall, by notification, appoint an Election Tribunal for such local area as may be specified in the notification.

Election Tribunal.

(2) The Election Commission may transfer an election petition from one Election Tribunal to another Election Tribunal.

(3) The Election Commission may, by notification, issue instructions for presentation, hearing and trial of an election petition.

(4) The Election Tribunal shall decide an election petition within one hundred and twenty days from the date of filing of the election petition.

48. The Election Tribunal may exercise powers of a civil court trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908) and shall be deemed to be a Court within the meaning of sections 480 and 482 of the Code.

Powers of Election Tribunal.

49. (1) The Election Tribunal may, on the conclusion of trial of an election petition, make an order-

Decision of the Election Tribunal.

- (a) dismissing the petition;
- (b) declaring the election of the returned candidate to be void;
- (c) declaring the election of the returned candidate to be void and the petitioner or any other contesting candidate to have been duly elected; or
- (d) declaring the election as a whole to be void.

(2) The decision of the Tribunal shall take effect from the date on which it is made and shall be communicated to the Election Commission.

50. (1) The Tribunal shall declare the election of the returned candidate to be void if it is satisfied that -

Ground for declaring election of return candidate void.

- (a) the nomination of the returned candidate was invalid; or
- (b) the returned candidate was not, on the nomination day, qualified for or was disqualified from, being elected as a member; or
- (c) the election of the returned candidate has been

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procured or induced by any corrupt or illegal practice; or

- (d) corrupt or illegal practice has been committed by the returned candidate or his election agent or by any other person with the connivance of the candidate or his election agent.

(2) The election of a returned candidate shall not be declared void if the Tribunal is satisfied that any corrupt or illegal practice was committed without the consent or connivance or knowledge of that candidate or his election agent and that the candidate and the election agent took all reasonable precautions to prevent its commission.

51. The Tribunal shall declare the election of the returned candidate to be void and the petitioner or any other contesting candidate to have been duly elected, if it is so claimed by the petitioner or any of the candidate and the Tribunal is satisfied that the petitioner or such contesting candidate was entitled to be declared elected.

Ground for declaring a person other than a returned candidate elected.

52. The Tribunal shall declare the election as a whole to be void if it is satisfied that the result of the election has been materially affected and amounts to tempering with the will of the voters by reasons of -

Ground for declaring elections as a whole void.

- (a) the failure of any person to comply with the provisions of this Act or the rules; or
- (b) the prevalence of extensive corrupt or illegal practice at the election.

¹[53. (1) In case of election to a Council, where, after the conclusion of the trial there is an equality of votes between contesting candidates, the Election Tribunal shall declare both the candidates as returned candidates and each one of them shall be entitled to represent his constituency in the council for half of its term of office.

Decision in case of equality of votes.

(2) The Election Tribunal shall draw a lot in respect of returned candidates referred to in sub-section (1) to determine as to who shall serve as Member of the Council for the first half of its

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. V of 2019, Dt-27th Feb,2019, s.5.

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term of office and shall take into account the period any returned candidate has already served as Member of the Council after the election.

(3) Before proceeding to draw a lot under sub-section (2), the Election Tribunal shall give notice to the contesting candidates between who there is equality of votes and shall proceed to draw a lot on the date, time and place stated in the notice:

Provided that if contesting candidates are present when it appears that there is an equality of votes between them, the Election Tribunal may proceed forthwith to draw a lot without giving notice.

(4) The Election Tribunal shall keep a record of the proceedings of draw of lot under this section and obtain signatures of such candidates and their agents who witnessed the proceedings, and if any such person refuses to sign, such fact shall be record.

(5) On receipt of the declaration under sub-section (1), the Commission shall notify the name of the candidate in the official Gazette on whom the lot drawn under sub-section (2) had fallen.

(6) Where there is equality of votes among more than two contesting candidates at the conclusion of the trial, the Election Tribunal shall order fresh election in the constituency on a date to be determined by the Commission but not later than sixty days from the date of order of the Election Tribunal.]

54. (1) Any person aggrieved by a final order of an Tribunal may, within thirty days of the communication of such order, prefer an appeal to the High Court.

**Appeal against
the orders of
Tribunal.**

(2) The High Court shall decide an appeal preferred under sub-section (1) within three months.

55. A person guilty of bribery, personating or undue influence shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees or with both.

Corrupt practice.

56. A person is guilty of bribery if he, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other person on his behalf -

Bribery.

(a) receives, agrees or contracts for any gratification

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for voting or refrains from voting or refrains from being a candidate at or withdrawing or retiring from, an election;

- (b) gives, offers or promises any gratification to any person for the purpose of –
- (i) inducing a person to be or to refrain from being a candidate at an election; or
 - (ii) inducing a voter to vote or refrain from voting at any election; or
 - (iii) inducing a candidate to withdraw or retire from an election; or
 - (iv) rewarding a person for having been or for having refrained from being a candidate at an election; or
 - (v) rewarding a voter for having voted or refrained from voting at an election; or
 - (vi) rewarding a candidate for having withdrawn or retired from an election.

Explanation: In this section, 'gratification' includes a gratification in money or estimable in money and all forms of entertainment or employment for reward.

57. A person is guilty of personating, if he votes or applies for a ballot paper for voting as some other person whether that other person is living, dead or fictitious. **Personating.**

¹[58. A person is guilty of exercising undue influence if he - **Undue influence.**

- (a) in order to induce or compel any person to vote or refrain from voting, or to offer himself as a candidate, or to withdraw his candidature or retire from contesting, at an election, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other person on his behalf-
- (i) makes or threatens to make use of any force, violence or restraint;
 - (ii) inflicts or threatens to inflict any injury, damage, harm or loss;
 - (iii) calls down or threatens to call down divine

¹ Subs. by Sindh Act No. V of 2019, Dt-27th Feb, 2019, s.6.

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displeasure or the displeasure or disapprobation of any saint or pir;

- (iv) gives or threatens to give any religious sentence;
 - (v) uses or threatens to use any official influence or government patronage;
 - (vi) maligns the Armed Forces of Pakistan; or
 - (vii) prevents any woman from contesting an election or exercising her right to vote;
- (b) on account of any person having voted or refrained from voting, of having offered himself as a candidate, or having withdrawn his candidature or have retired, does any of the acts specified in clause (a);
- (c) directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other person on his behalf-
- (i) uses any place of religious worship, or any place reserved for the performance of religious rites, for the purpose of canvassing for the votes or not to vote at an election or for a particular candidate; or
 - (ii) for any of the purposes specified in sub-clause (i), by words, spoken or written, or by signs or visible representation, publishes anything or does any act prejudicial to the glory of Islam or the integrity, security or defence of Pakistan or any part of Pakistan; or
- (d) by abduction, duress or any fraudulent device or contrivance-
- (i) impedes or prevents the free exercise of the franchise by a voter; or
 - (ii) compels, induces or prevails upon any voter to vote or refrain from voting.

Explanation.- In this section, "harm" includes social ostracism or excommunication or expulsion from any

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caste or community.]

¹[59. (1) A person is guilty of offence of illegal practice if he – **Illegal practice.**

- (a) disorderly conducts near a polling station, canvassing in or near a polling station, interferes the secrecy of voting, or adversely affects the interests of candidate;
- (b) obtains or procures, or attempts to obtain or procure, the assistance of any person in the service of Pakistan to further or hinder the election of a candidate;
- (c) votes or applies for a ballot paper for voting at an election knowing that he is not qualified for, or is disqualified from, voting;
- (d) votes or applies for a ballot paper for voting more than once in the same polling station;
- (e) votes or applies for a ballot paper for voting in more than one polling station for the same election;
- (f) removes a ballot paper from a polling station during the poll;
- (g) violates the restrictions on publicity laid down in section 180 or restriction on announcement of development schemes under section 181 of the Elections Act, 2017;
- (h) violates the prohibition on public meeting during a certain period as provided in section 182 of the Elections Act, 2017;
- (i) fails to comply with section 134 of the Elections Act, 2017 relating to election expenses;
- (j) carries or displays any kind of weapon or fire arm in a public meeting or procession during campaign period, on the poll day and till twenty four hours after the announcement of the official results by Returning Officer;
- (k) reports to aerial firing or uses firecrackers and other explosives at public meetings or in or near a polling station; or
- (l) resorts to violence in any form or manner against an election official or any form or manner against an election official or any other person officially

¹ Subs. by Sindh Act No. V of 2019, Dt-27th Feb, 2019, s.7.

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deputed to work at a polling station.

Explanation.- The word “weapon” used in clause (j) includes a danda, lathi, knife, axe or any other thing which may be used as a weapon to inflict an injury to a person.

(2) The offences under sub-section (1) shall be tried in accordance with the provisions of section 192 of the Elections Act, 2017.]

60. A person is guilty of an offence punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred thousand rupees, if he, on the polling day in connection with the election-

Prohibition of canvassing.

- (a) convenes, calls or organizes within an electoral unit any meeting; or
- (b) within a radius of two hundred meters of the polling station –
 - (i) canvasses for votes;
 - (ii) solicits vote of any voter;
 - (iii) persuades any voter not to vote at the election or for a particular candidate; or
 - (iv) exhibits at a place reserved for the candidate or his polling agent beyond the radius of one hundred meters of the polling station, any notice, sign, banner or flag designed to encourage the voters to vote, or discourage the voters from voting, for any contesting candidate.

61. A person is guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees or with both, if he –

Disorderly conduct near polling station.

- (a) uses, in such manner as to be audible within the polling station any gramophone, megaphone, loudspeaker or other apparatus for reproducing or amplifying sounds; or
- (b) persistently shouts in such manner as to be audible within the polling station; or
- (c) does any act which-

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- (i) disturbs or causes annoyance to any voter visiting a polling station for the purpose of voting; or
- (ii) interferes with the performance of the duty of a presiding officer, polling officer or any other person performing any duty at a polling station; or
- (iii) abets the doing of any of the aforesaid acts.

¹[62. (1) Except as provided in sub-section (2) of section 172 of the Elections Act, 2017, a person is guilty of tampering with papers, if he -

Tampering with Papers.

- (a) intentionally defaces or destroys any nomination paper, ballot paper or official mark on a ballot paper; or
- (b) intentionally takes out of the polling station, any ballot paper or puts into any ballot box any ballot paper other than the ballot paper he is authorized by law to put in;
- (c) without due authority –
 - (i) supplies any ballot paper to any person;
 - (ii) destroys, takes, opens or otherwise interferes with any ballot box or packet of ballot papers in use for the purpose of election; or
 - (iii) breaks any seal affixed in accordance with the provisions of the Elections Act,2017; or
- (d) forges any ballot paper or official marks; or
- (e) causes any delay or interruption in the beginning, conduct or completion of the procedure required to be immediately carried out on the close of the poll.

(2) An election official on duty in connection with the election who is guilty of the offence under sub-section (1) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to one hundred

¹ Subs. by Sindh Act No. V of 2019, Dt-27th Feb,2019, s.8.

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thousand rupees or with both.]

63. A person is guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to two hundred thousand rupees or with both, if he -

**Interference with
secrecy of voting.**

- (a) interferes or attempts to interfere with a voter when he records his vote; or
- (b) in any manner obtains or attempts to obtain, in a polling station, information as to the candidate for whom a voter in that station is about to vote or has voted; or
- (c) communicates at any time any information obtained in a polling station about the candidate for whom a voter in that station is about to vote or has voted.

64. Any candidate or polling agent attending a polling station, or any person attending the counting of votes, is guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to two hundred thousand rupees or with both, if he -

**Failure to maintain
secrecy.**

- (a) fails to maintain or aid in maintaining the secrecy of voting; or
- (b) communicates any information obtained at the counting of votes as to the candidate for whom any vote is given by any particular ballot paper.

65. A Presiding Officer, Polling Officer or any other officer or official performing duty in connection with an election, or any member of a police force, is guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to two hundred thousand rupees or with both, if he, during the conduct or management of an election or maintenance of order at the polling station -

**Conduct of
officials.**

- (a) persuades any person to give his vote;
- (b) dissuades any person from giving his vote;
- (c) influences in any manner the voting of any person;
- (d) does any other act calculated to further or hinder the election of a candidate;

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- (e) fails to maintain or aid in maintaining the secrecy of voting;
- (f) communicates, except for any purpose authorized by any law, to any person before the poll is closed any information as to the name or number on the electoral roll of any voter who has or has not applied for a ballot paper, or has or has not voted at a polling station; or
- (g) communicates any information obtained at the counting of votes as to the candidate for whom any vote is given by any particular ballot paper.

66. A Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer, or any other person employed by any such officer in connection with his official duties imposed by or under this Act is guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to five hundred thousand rupees or with both, if he, willfully and without reasonable cause, commits breach of any such official duty, by act or omission.

Breaches of official duty in connection with election.

67. A person in the service of the Government, a Council or a body owned or controlled by Government is guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to two hundred thousand rupees, or with both if he, in any manner, gives any assistance calculated to further or hinder the election of a candidate.

Assistance by Government servants

68. A Court shall not take cognizance of an offence under this Chapter except on a complaint in writing by the Election Commission or the Returning Officer.

Cognizance

69. An offence punishable under this Chapter shall be a cognizable offence.

Offence to be cognizable.

70. An offence punishable under this Chapter shall be triable by the competent court of law in accordance with provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure.

Prosecution of offences.

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71. Save as provided under this ¹[Act], the provisions of the ²[Elections Act,2017] shall be applicable to the elections and the electoral process under this Act.

Savings under this Chapter

CHAPTER- VI
FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

72. A Council shall, subject to rules and directions given by Government and within the limits of the funds at its disposal, undertake all or any of the functions, given in Schedule II in the case of a Corporation, a District Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committee and Town Committee, in Schedule III in the case of a District Council, and in Schedule IV in the case of a Union Council and such other functions as are entrusted to them by Government:

Functions of Council.

Provided that no Corporation shall undertake such functions as are assigned to and performed by anybody, agency or authority established by or under any law for the time being in force.

Provided further that Government may at any time require the Metropolitan Corporation to perform any function of a District Municipal Corporation subject to such conditions as Government may specify.

73. A Council shall -

Records, reports and returns.

- (a) maintain such record of its working as may be prescribed;
- (b) prepare and publish such periodical reports and returns as may be prescribed; and
- (c) adopt such other measures as may be necessary, or may be specified by *Government*, from time to time, for the publication of information about the working of the Council.

74. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, Government may -

Transfer of functions from Councils to Government and

- (a) take over the management and control of any

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.21, for word" Chapter".

² Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XXXI of 2021, Dt-11th Aug, 2021.

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institution or service maintained by a Council; and **Vice Versa.**

- (b) transfer the management and control of any institution or service maintained by Government to a Council.

¹[75. (1) Government may set up a Board, Authority or any corporate body to perform any one or more functions of any Council, singly or jointly with any public or private body, and may acquire, continue, manage or operate any commercial venture or activity as deemed necessary in the public interest. **Commercial schemes.**

- (2) Any commercial operations or venture jointly with any private body or person in existence at the time of commencement of this Act shall continue to do so.

(3) The Council may, with the prior permission of Government, promote, administer, execute or implement schemes for undertaking any commercial, business enterprise or enter into public private partnership].

76.(1) Subject to rules, a Council shall prepare and implement development plans which shall amongst other matters include the following:- **Development Plans.**

- (a) nature and location of scheme or schemes;
- (b) total estimated cost;
- (c) sources of finances;
- (d) date of commencement;
- (e) date of completion;
- (f) manner of execution;
- (g) agencies responsible for maintenance;
- (h) benefits, tangible or intangible to accrue;
- (i) such other matters as may be necessary.

(2) As far as may be, the schemes included in the development plan shall be included in the budget.

(3) The development plans of the Councils shall be consolidated in such manner as may be prescribed.

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.22.

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77.(1) Every Council shall, within the budget grant, be competent to enter and perform all such contracts as it may consider necessary or expedient in order to carry into effect the provisions and purposes of this Act. **Contracts.**

(2) All contracts made by or on behalf of a Council shall be-

(a) in writing expressed to be made in the name of the Council; and

(b) reported to the Council by the Mayor or, as the case may be, Chairman, at the meeting next following the execution of the contract.

(3) All contracts shall, subject to the rules, be entered into after inviting competitive tenders or quotations:

Provided that tenders or quotations involving expenditure exceeding such amount as may be prescribed shall be invited by a notice in a newspaper:

Provided further that in case of the lowest tender or quotations is not accepted, the Authority competent to grant the contract, if other than the Council, shall lay down in writing, and if the Council itself, shall express in the resolution approving the tender or quotation, the reasons for not accepting the lowest tender or quotation.

Provided further that all procurements shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Act, 2009 and rules made there under.

(4) All contracts for transfer by grant, sale, mortgage, lease or otherwise of immovable property or any interest and right thereto or disposal or sale of movable property or for leasing out rights to collect taxes shall, subject to the rules be entered into after inviting offers in an open auction:

Provided that if the highest bid is not accepted by the Council, approval in writing of Government shall be obtained, and Government shall, in its order give

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reasons for not accepting the highest bid:

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (4) a Council may grant, sell or lease out land at rates to be fixed in consultation with Government, to -

- (i) associations, organizations, individuals or any department or institution of the Federal or a Provincial Government for establishing, maintaining or extending educational, religious and charitable institutions or for such other purposes for the benefit of the public, subject to the condition that if the land is not used for the purpose it was granted, the Council may after affording such association organization, individual or department or institution, as the case may be, an opportunity to show-cause against the proposed action, resume such land alongwith structures, if any, without any compensation.

Provided that the land allotted under this sub-section to any association, organization and individual may only be allotted if the organization and institution able to establish to the satisfaction of Government that it has already established the organization and subsequently managed the association.

Provided further that the ownership or purpose for which the land is allotted or leased out shall not be changed under any circumstances.

(6) Government may subject to the other provisions of this Act, make rules laying down the procedure to regulate the making of contracts and the execution thereof.

(7) No contract executed otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of this Act and any other law for the time being in force shall be binding on the Council.

78. A Council may by bye-laws lay down the procedure for-

Works.

- (a) the preparation of plan and estimates for works to be executed by the Council;

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- (b) the authority by whom and the conditions subject to which such plans and estimates shall be technically approved and administratively sanctioned;
- (c) the agency by which such plans and estimates shall be prepared; and
- (d) the agency or the authority by which such plans shall be executed.

CHAPTER- VII
EXECUTIVE POWERS AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

79.(1) The executive powers of a Council shall extend to the doing of all acts necessary for the due discharge of its functions under this Act.

Executive Powers.

(2) Save as otherwise provided in this Act and the rules, the executive powers of a Council shall vest in and be exercised by its Mayor or Chairman, as the case may be, either directly or through any person authorized by him in accordance with the rules.

(3) All acts of a Council shall be expressed to be taken in the name of the Council and be authenticated in the prescribed manner.

80.(1) The Mayor or Chairman, as the case may be, shall-

Powers of Mayor or Chairman.

- (a) unless prevented by reasonable cause, preside at all meetings of the Council, and regulate the conduct of business at such meetings in accordance with rules;
- (b) watch over the financial and executive administration of the Council and perform such executive functions as are assigned to him by or

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under this Act;

- (c) exercise supervision and control over the acts and proceedings of all employees of the Council and dispose of all questions relating to their service, pay, privileges and allowances in accordance with the rules; provided that service matters of the members of the Sindh Councils Unified Grades shall be referred to Government;
- (d) have power in cases of emergency to direct the execution or stoppage of any work or the doing of any act which requires the sanction of Government or the Council, and the immediate execution or stoppage or doing of which is, in his opinion, necessary for the service or safety of the public and the action so taken shall forthwith be reported to Government or, as the case may be, to the Council at its next meeting; provided that he shall not act under this clause in contravention of any provision of this Act or order of the Council or Government.

(2) When the Mayor or Chairman by reason of absence from Pakistan or any other cause, is unable to exercise his powers and perform his functions, the Deputy Mayor or, as the case may be, Vice Chairman, shall exercise powers and perform functions of the Mayor or, as the case may be, Chairman.

Provided that in the absence of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman or Vice Chairman, the Government may by Notification entrust the duties of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman or Vice Chairman as the case may be to some other member.

81.(1) Subject to the general control of the Mayor or Chairman, the Chief Executive shall-

**Functions of the
Chief Executive.**

- (a) supervise the financial and executive administration of the Council and perform all duties assigned to and exercise all powers conferred on or delegated to him by or under this Act;
- (b) supervise and control the acts and proceedings of the employees of the Council under this Act and

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dispose of such questions relating to their service matters as may be assigned to him for disposal;

(c) furnish to *Government* from time to time, a copy of every resolution passed at a meeting of the Council; and

(d) take prompt steps to remove any irregularity pointed out by the Auditor;

(2) All licences and permissions under this Act, rules or bye-laws shall be issued, granted or given under the signature of the Chief Executive and all fees payable for such licences and permissions shall be received, recovered and credited to the local fund.

(3) The Chief Executive may, subject to the general instructions of the Council, and after giving the party concerned an opportunity to be heard in person, suspend, withhold or withdraw any licence or permission granted or given under sub-section (1), if he is satisfied that the licensee or permit-holder has failed to comply with the terms and conditions thereof or has acted in contravention of the provisions of this Act or any rule or bye-law-

(4) Subject to such limitations as may be laid down by the Council, the Chief Executive may delegate any power conferred on him by this Act or the rules or bye-laws to any employee of the Council.

(5) The Chief Executive shall supply any return, statement, account or report or a copy of any document in his charge, called for by the Council or a Committee or Sub-Committee set up by the Council and shall comply with any orders passed by the Council or Committee or Sub-Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

82.(1) The following functionaries shall be the Chief Executives of their respective Councils and shall perform such functions as are delegated to them by the concerned council:-

Chief Executives of the Councils.

- (a) Municipal Commissioner in case of a Corporation;
- (b) Chief Officer in case of District Council;
- (c) Chief Municipal Officer in case of Municipal

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Committee;

(d) Town Officer in case of Town Committee; and

(e) Secretary in case of Union Council and Union Committee.

83.(1) All business of a Council, shall, to the extent and in the manner prescribed, be disposed of at its meetings, or at the meetings of its Committees, by its Mayor, Chairman or Officers.

Meetings and disposal of business.

(2) All meetings of a Council shall ordinarily be presided over by its Mayor or Chairman, and in his absence by Deputy Mayor or Vice-Chairman, or a Member chosen for that purpose by the Members present:

Provided that meetings in which no confidence motion is moved against the Mayor or Chairman, or Deputy Mayor, or Vice-Chairman, or any election is held to any of such offices, shall be presided by such person or officer, as may be prescribed.

(3) Every meeting of a Council shall be open to the public unless the Presiding Authority orders that the proceedings or any enquiry or deliberation before the Council should be in camera:

Provided that the Presiding Authority may, at any time, cause any person to be removed who interrupts the proceedings or does not obey its rulings.

(4) All decisions in a meeting of a Council shall be taken by majority of votes of the Members present and voting.

(5) The Presiding Authority shall have a casting vote in case of equality of votes.

(6) Minutes of the meetings of a Council shall be drawn up and recorded in a book to be kept for the purpose, and shall be signed, as soon as practicable, by the Presiding Authority and confirmed by the Council in its next meeting.

(7) The minutes shall be open to inspection by any inhabitant of the local area.

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(8) All decisions taken by a Council shall be reported to Government within ten days of such decisions.

(9) No proceedings of a Council shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of the Council, or by reason only that any person who was not entitled to sit or vote or otherwise take part in such proceedings, had sat or voted or otherwise taken part in such proceedings.

(10) No Member shall be liable to any proceedings in any Court in respect of anything said or any vote given by him in the meeting of the Council or a Committee in good faith.

84.(1) A Council may, for the performance of such functions as may be prescribed appoint Committees or Sub-Committees consisting of its Members and co-opted Members, if any,

Committees and Sub-committees.

(2) The Members of the Committee or Sub-Committee shall be elected by the Council.

CHAPTER- VIII
NAMING OR RENAMING OF CITY, MUNICIPALITY, TOWN, VILLAGE, PUBLIC PLACE OR PUBLIC WAY, ETC.

85. No City, Municipality, Town, Village, or any part or locality thereof, or public place or public way, in this Chapter referred to as place, may be named or renamed except in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

Naming or renaming to be made under this Chapter.

86. Naming or renaming under section 85 may be made after-

Guidelines for naming or renaming.

- (a) the founder of the nation or any person who took a prominent part in the creation of Pakistan;
- (b) a national or local personality with an unblemished record of service to the nation;
- (c) a person famous for his work in the field of art, culture, science and education or notable public service;

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- (d) the principal donor of any building or institution built or set up for charitable purposes;
- (e) non-Pakistani with the permission of Government.

CHAPTER IX
SUPERVISION OVER THE COUNCILS

87.¹[(1) Government shall exercise general supervision and control over the Councils directly or through Regional Directorates of Local Government to ensure that their activities conform to the purpose and provisions of this Act.]

Supervision over Councils.

(2) Government may, at any time, call for any paper, document, register or record from any Council to see that the activities of the Council are in conformity with the provisions of this Act, and may make any order it deems necessary to bring it in such conformity.

(3) If, in the opinion of Government, anything done or intended to be done by or on behalf of a Council is not in conformity with the law, Government may refer the matter back to the council to bring it in conformity with the law provided that the matter referred shall remain suspended.

Provided that the council after bringing the resolution, order or action in conformity of law shall refer the matter to Government for final decision.

88.(1) Government may direct any Council, or any person or Authority responsible thereto to take within such period as may be specified, such action as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Power of Government to give directions to Councils.

(2) Where after due enquiry, Government is satisfied that any direction made under sub-section (1) has not been complied with, it may appoint a person or persons to give effect to such direction, and may further direct that the expenses incurred in connection therewith shall be a charge on the local fund and borne by the Council.

89.(1) The Council may by a resolution passed by the majority of its members make recommendations to Government for -

Recommendations by the Council.

- (i) effective implementation of the provision of this Act;

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XXII of 2016, Dt-28th Jun, 2016, s.2.

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- (ii) effective discharge of duties, functions and obligations by any agency, authority, body or person or its officers acting under the authority, control or jurisdiction of Government;
- (iii) failure of any civil servant, public servant or official of the Council and Sindh Unified Council Service for discharge of his obligations vis a vis the Council; and
- (iv) any other matter relating to the functioning of the Council.

(2) Government shall consider the recommendations of the Council and pass such order as may be deem appropriate in the circumstances of the case.

Provided that where Government does not accept the recommendations of the Council, it shall give reason for such refusal.

Provided further that where Government proposes to take any action against any officer or person pursuant to the recommendations of the Council, no such action shall be taken by Government without providing opportunity of hearing to such officer or person.

90.¹[(1) The working of Councils shall be inspected atleast once in a financial year by Government or through Regional Directorates of Local Government designated as Inspecting officer or Inspection team appointed by Government as may be prescribed.]

Inspection of Councils.

(2) The Inspecting Officer or as the case may be Inspection Team shall have the power-

- (a) to enter on, inspect and survey or cause to be entered on or inspected and surveyed any immovable property occupied by the Council or any institution maintained by or any work in progress under it;

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XXII of 2016, Dt-28th Jun, 2016, s.3.

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- (b) to call for and inspect or cause to be inspected files, registers, books or documents or record relating to the Council;
- (c) to require the production of such statements, accounts, reports, documents and copies or documents relating to the proceedings of the Council as he or it may think fit;
- (d) to attend meetings of the Council and take part in discussions and other proceedings except voting; and
- (e) to inquire generally into the affairs of the Council.

(3) The Inspecting Officer or, as the case may be Inspection Team shall, within thirty days of the completion of the inspection, submit a report to Government and furnish a copy thereof to the Council.

(4) The inspection report under sub-section (3) shall be placed before the Council in the next meeting.

(5) The Council shall within thirty days of the receipt of the inspection report, annotate the report and forward it to Government and the Inspecting Officer or, as the case may be, the Inspection Team.

(6) On receipt of the annotated report, the Inspecting Officer or, as the case may be, the Inspection Team may issue such further directions to the Council as may be necessary and endorse a copy thereof to Government.

(7) The Mayor or Chairman as the case may be shall take such action on the inspection report as may be required.

(8) If there is any dispute or difference of opinion between the Inspecting Officer and the Council, such dispute or matter shall be decided by Government.

91.(1) Government may, on its own or on application made to it by any person, cause an enquiry to be made by such officer

Inquiry into affairs

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or authority as may be appointed by it in this behalf, into the affairs of a Council generally, or into any particular matter concerning that Council, and take such remedial measures as may be warranted by the findings of such enquiry.

of the Councils.

(2) Such officer shall, for the purposes of the enquiry, have the powers of a Civil Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908), to take evidence and to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

92.(1) If after such enquiry as may be necessary, Government is satisfied that Council is not able to run a particular department or institution properly and efficiently, it may, after recording reasons, by notification in the official Gazette, suspend the Authority of the Council over such department or institution for such period as may be specified in the order.

Suspension of particular department or institution.

(2) Where the Authority of a Council is suspended under sub-section (1), Government may itself take over the management of such department or institution or make such other arrangements as it thinks fit.

(3) The expenses for management under sub-section (2) as may be determined by Government shall be borne by the Council and the budget of the Council shall be deemed to have been revised to that extent.

93.(1) If, after such enquiry as may be necessary, Government is of the opinion that a Council-

Supersession of Councils.

- (a) persistently fails in discharging its duties; or
- (b) is unable to administer its affairs or meet its financial obligations despite directions by Government; or
- (c) otherwise abuses its power,

it may, after considering the objections from the Council, by notification in the official Gazette, declare the Council to be superseded for a period not exceeding six months.

(2) On the publication of a notification under sub section (1)-

- (a) the person holding the office of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman or Vice-Chairman or Member shall cease to hold such office;

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- (b) the functions of the Council shall during the period of supersession be performed by such person or Authority as is appointed by Government until the Council reconstituted under sub-section (3) assumes office;
- (c) all funds and property of the Council shall, during the period of supersession, vest in Government for the purposes of this Act and be expended accordingly.

(3) On or before the expiry of the period of supersession, the Council shall be reconstituted in accordance with the provisions of this Act:

Provided that where the period of supersession of the Council is expiring within four months of the expiry of its normal term of office, the Council shall not be reconstituted for the residual period of the term and the consequences of supersession under sub-section (2), shall continue to operate.

(4) Government may, by notification in the official gazette, extend the period under sub-section (1) but such extension shall not exceed six months.

94. (1) Where it is deemed necessary and proper to do so, Government may, after recording reasons, appoint an Advisory Committee consisting of such number of persons as it thinks fit to advise such person or Authority appointed by Government under clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 93:

**Advisory
Committee.**

Provided that the Advisory Committee shall meet as often as necessary and in such manner as may be required by such person or Authority.

(2) A Member of the Advisory Committee shall hold office at the pleasure of Government but may at any time resign from membership by addressing a letter to Government.

CHAPTER-X
LOCAL TAXATION

95.(1) All land assessable to rent, land revenue or ushr shall be subject to the payment of a cess to be known as the local

Local cess.

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cess.

(2) Government may, from time to time, by notification in the official Gazette, fix the rate of local cess for various classes of cultivated land in a District.

(3) The local cess shall be collected together with the rent, land revenue or ushr in the manner prescribed for collection of rent, land revenue or ushr, as the case may be, and the proceeds thereof shall be credited to the local fund of the District Council.

96.(1) Subject to sub-section (2) a Council may levy, in the prescribed manner all or any of the taxes, rates, tolls and fees mentioned in Schedule V:

Taxes to be levied.

Provided that where a tax, rate or toll which is levied as a cess, tax or surcharge by Government, such tax, rate or toll shall not be more than that levied by Government:

¹[Provided further that where a tax, toll or fees is leviable both by the Metropolitan Corporation or a Municipal Corporation and a Town Municipal Corporation, the Town Municipal Corporation shall not levy such tax, toll or, fees except with the previous sanction of the Metropolitan Corporation or Municipal Corporation as the case may be:

Provided also that Government may direct the Metropolitan Corporation or Municipal Corporation to levy any tax, rates, toll or fees leviable by a Town Municipal Corporation subject to such conditions as Government may specify].

(2) The Metropolitan Corporation shall give share of the taxes, rates, toll or fees collected by it to the ²[Town] Municipal Corporation in such proportion as may be determined by Government.

(3) All taxes, rates, tolls and fees levied by a Council shall be notified in the prescribed manner and shall, unless otherwise

¹ Second and third Provisos of sec 96 subs, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

² Subs, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021 for the word "district".

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directed by Government, be subject to previous publication.

(4) Where a Council levies a tax, rate, toll or fees, it shall specify the date on which such tax, rate, toll or fees shall come into force.

97. Government may frame Model Tax Schedules, and where such Schedules have been framed, a Council shall be guided by them in levying a tax, rate, toll or fee.

**Model Tax
Schedule.**

98.(1) Government may direct any Council-

**Directions with
regard to levy of
tax.**

- (a) to levy any tax, rate, toll or fee which the Council is competent to levy under this Act;
- (b) to increase or reduce any rate, tax, toll or fee to such extent as may be specified;
- (c) to suspend or abolish the levy of any tax, rate, toll or fee;
- (d) to exempt any person or class of persons or property or class of property or goods or class of goods from the levy of any such tax, rate, toll or fee.

(2) If the direction is issued under sub-section (1), the Chief Executive of the Council shall, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, give effect to it by issuing a notification in terms of the direction not later than the date, if any, specified by Government in this behalf.

99.(1) A Council may, by notice call upon any person to furnish such information, produce such record or accounts or present such goods or animals liable to any tax, rate, toll or fee, as may be necessary for the purpose of determining the liability of such person there for.

**Liability on
account of taxes.**

(2) Any employee of a Council authorized in this behalf may

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- (i) after due notice, enter upon any building or premises for the purpose of assessing the liability of such building or premises to any tax or inspecting any goods or animals therein liable to any tax;
- (ii) in the prescribed manner seize and dispose of any goods on which any tax, rate, toll or fee is not paid.

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100.(1) Unless otherwise provided, all taxes, rates, tolls and fees levied under this Act shall be collected in the prescribed manner by the persons authorized for such collection:

Collection and recovery of taxes, etc.

Provided that where any tax, rate, toll or fee levied by a Council is also levied by Government, such tax, rate, toll or fee shall be collected with Government tax, and the proceeds thereof be credited to the local fund of the Council.

(2) All arrears of taxes, rates, tolls and fees and other moneys claimable by a Council under this Act shall be recoverable as arrears of land revenue through Government agency or by the Council authorized by Government for such recovery through such employees or class of employees of the Council as may be prescribed.

101. If a Council levies a tax on professions, trades or callings, it may require the employer of the person liable to such tax to deduct the tax from the salary or wages payable to such person, and to credit the same to the local fund of the Council concerned in the prescribed manner.

Deduction of taxes from salaries.

102. No assessment of a tax, rate toll or fee under this Act or valuation thereof or the liability of a person to be so taxed, shall be called in question except by a petition presented to such authority in such manner and within such period as may be prescribed.

Petitions against valuation, assessment, etc.

103.(1) All taxes, rates, tolls, fees, and other charges levied by a Council shall be imposed, assessed, leased, compounded, administered and regulated in such manner and within such period as may be prescribed.

Taxation Rules.

(2) Rules framed under this section may, among other matters provide for the obligations of the tax-payer and the duties and powers of the officials and other agencies responsible for the assessment and collection of taxes.

CHAPTER- XI
LOCAL FUND AND PROPERTY

104.(1) There shall be formed a Local Fund which shall be called as –

Constitution of Local Fund.

- (a) the Corporation Fund in the case of a Corporation;

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- (b) the Municipal Committee Fund in the case of Municipal Committee;
- (c) the Town Committee fund in the case of Town Committee;
- (d) the Union Committee fund in the case of Union Committee;
- (e) the District Council Fund, in the case of a District Council; and
- (f) the Union Council Fund, in the case of a Union Council.

(2) The Local Fund shall consist of-

- (a) the balance of such funds as on the coming into force of this Act is at the disposal of the Council, if any, of which the Council concerned is the successor;
- (b) the proceeds of all taxes, tolls, rates, fees, cess and other charges levied and moneys recovered for utilization or services rendered by the Council under this Act or any other law for the time being in force;
- (c) all rents and profits payable or accruing to the Council from and sale proceeds of the property vested in or managed by the Council;
- (d) all sums contributed by individuals or institutions or other Councils, or other Local Authorities;
- (e) all sums of moneys received from Government;
- (f) all receipts accruing from the trusts placed under the management of the Council;
- (g) all loans raised and all interests and profits accruing or arising from investments or transactions;
- (h) all fines imposed under this Act;
- (i) proceeds from such sources of income as Government may direct to be placed at the disposal of the Council;
- (j) all other sums receivable by the Council;

(3) Refundable deposits credited by any person shall not form part of the Local Fund, but will be kept in a separate "Deposit Fund."

(4) Deposits not claimed within a period of two years after the same become repayable, shall be deposited in the Local Fund

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and when claimed after the expiry of the said period, refund of such deposits shall, unless specific provision in that behalf exists in the budget, be made in the financial year next following.

(5) A Council may and if required by Government shall establish and maintain a separate fund for any special purpose to which one or more sources of revenue mentioned in sub-section (2) or any part of those sources or any specified portion of the Local Fund may be assigned which shall be administered and regulated in the same manner as the Local Fund.

105.(1) A Council shall not incur any debt nor borrow any money or give any guaranty without prior approval of Government. **Custody and investment.**

(2) A Council may invest surplus funds, if any, in such securities and financial institutions, as may be approved by the Government.

106.(1) The moneys credited to the Local Fund may be withdrawn upto the amounts and for the purposes specified in the budget. **Withdrawal from the Fund.**

(2)The moneys credited to the Local Fund shall be applied in the order of the following preference:-

Firstly, in the payment of salaries and allowances to the employees of the Councils;

Secondly, in the repayment of loans and utility bills;

Thirdly, such sums as the Council may be required to contribute towards the conduct of elections, the maintenance of the Sindh Council Unified Grades and the Auditing of Accounts;

Fourthly, in fulfillment of any obligation and in the discharge of any duty imposed on the Council under this Act, or under any other law for the time being in force;

Fifthly, in meeting the expenditure charged on the

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local fund under this Act;

Sixthly, any sum required to satisfy a decree or award against the Council by Court or Tribunal.

107. (1) Subject to sub section (2) below, the monies credited to a Local Fund shall be expended in accordance with the annual budget and revised budget estimates approved by the Council.

**Application of
Local Fund.**

(2) A Council shall not transfer monies to any other Council except by way of payment of debts, for carrying out deposit works or for such other purposes as may be prescribed.

(3) The application of Local Fund shall be subject to the budgetary constraints according to the minimum prescribed ratio of development and non-development expenditures.

(4) Where a new Council is to take over during a financial year as a result of fresh elections, the outgoing Council shall not spend funds or make commitments for any expenditure under any demand for grant or appropriation in excess of eight percent per month of the budgeted funds for the remainder of its term in office in that financial year.

108.(1) The following expenditure shall be charged on the Local Fund, that is to say:-

**Charged
expenditure.**

- (a) the money required for repayment of loans;
- (b) the money required to satisfy any judgment, decree or award against the council;
- (c) all sums to be paid to, or in connection with the employment of any Government employee who is or has been in the service of the Council;
- (d) any expenditure declared by Government to be so charged.

(2) If any expenditure charged on the Local Fund is not paid, Government may, by order, direct the person having the custody of the Local Fund to pay such amount, or so much thereof as may, from time to time, be possible from the balance of the Local Fund.

109.(1) The annual budget for a council shall contain estimates of:

Budgets.

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- (a) grants from the Government;
- (b) amounts available in the Local Fund;
- (c) receipts for the next year; and
- (d) expenditures to be incurred for the next year.

(2) Government shall, sufficiently before the beginning of each financial year, notify the provisional share, which may be credited to the Local Fund of a council from the provincial allocable amount.

(3) The functionaries of a Council may re-appropriate budget in accordance with the powers of re-appropriation delegated to them by Government and at the end of the financial year, a revised budget shall be submitted to the council for approval.

(4) A demand for a grant shall not be made except on the recommendation of the Mayor or the Chairman.

(5) Conditional grants from Government or other Council shall be shown separately in the budget and shall be governed by the conditions on which such grants were made.

(6) A Council shall prepare the budget in the prescribed manner and in accordance with the chart of accounts notified by the Auditor-General of Pakistan.

110.(1) The Council shall, in the prescribed manner, prepare and sanction before the commencement of each financial year, a statement of its estimated receipts and expenditure for that year, hereinafter referred to as the budget, and forward a copy thereof to Government.

**Approval of
Budgets.**

(2) If the budget is not prepared or sanctioned by a Council before the commencement of any financial year, Government may have the necessary statement prepared and certify it and such certified statement shall be deemed to be the sanctioned budget of the Council.

(3) If in the opinion of Government, the budget prepared and sanctioned by Council is in violation of provisions of this Act, Government may by order, modify it, and the budget so modified shall be deemed to be the sanctioned budget of the Council.

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(4)At any time before the expiry of the financial year to which a budget relates, a revised budget for the year may, if necessary, be prepared and sanctioned and such revised budget shall, so far as may be, be subject to the provisions of this section.

(5)Where any Council assumes office under this Act for the first time, its budget relating to the remaining period of that financial year shall be prepared by the Council after resumption of office, as far as may be, in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(6)If any officer at whose disposal funds have been placed by a Council, considers it necessary to incur expenditure on sanctioned activities in excess of the amount duly sanctioned or provided in the budget by way of re-appropriation, he shall submit such proposal to the Council for order:

Provided that no expenditure on any item shall be incurred by re-appropriation if it was specially reduced by the Council or the Government at the time of sanctioning the budget or it has not been included in the budget;

Provided further that no saving from the pay of the employees of the Council shall be spent by re-appropriation nor saving from other units of appropriation shall be re-appropriated for payment of salary to the employees of the Council.

111.(1) The accounts of a Council shall be kept in such form and manner as may be prescribed. **Accounts.**

(2)An annual statement of the accounts shall be prepared after the close of every financial year and shall be transmitted to Government and the Audit Authority separately within thirty days of the close of the financial year.

(3)A copy of the Annual Statement of Accounts and such other statements as may be prescribed shall be displayed at a conspicuous place in the office of the Council for general information, and objections or suggestions received with respect thereto from the public shall be considered by the Council and brought to the notice of the Audit Authority;

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and Town Committee shall create, maintain and update their web-sites by placing all accounts related activities thereon.

(4) The Provincial Director, Local Fund Audit of Government shall pre-audit all the payments from the Local Fund of the Councils.

(5) A Council shall not withdraw or disburse money from the Local Fund unless it is pre-audited in the prescribed manner.

112.(1) The Provincial Finance Commission shall consist of the following thirteen members:-

**Composition of
Provincial Finance
Commission.**

- (a) Minister for Finance who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) Minister for Local Government who shall be the Co-Chairperson;
- (c) two members of the Provincial Assembly of the Sindh, each nominated by the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition;
- (d) Secretary to the Government of Sindh, Finance Department;
- (e) Secretary to the Government of Sindh, Planning and Development Department;
- (f) Secretary to Government of Sindh, Local Government;
- (g) A Mayor of a Metropolitan Corporation;
- (h) A Mayor of a Corporation to be nominated by Government;
- (i) A Chairman of a District Council to be nominated by Government;
- (j) A Chairman of a Municipal Committee to be nominated by Government; and
- (k) two professional members from the private sector to be nominated by Government on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The Finance Department shall act as the Secretariat of the Provincial Finance Commission.

(3) No proceedings or act of the Provincial Finance Commission shall be invalid merely on the ground of existence of a vacancy or defect in the composition of the Provincial

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Finance Commission.

(4) A professional member may be removed or reappointed in the prescribed manner.

CHAPTER-XII
PROVINCIAL FINANCE COMMISSION

113.(1)The Provincial Finance Commission shall make recommendations to the Government on -

**Functions of the
Provincial Finance
Commission.**

(a) a formula for resource distribution including –

(i) distribution between the Government and the councils out of the proceeds of the Provincial Consolidated Fund into a provincial retained amount and a Provincial allocable amount to be called Provincial Finance Commission Award;

(ii) distribution of provincial allocable amount amongst the Councils as share of each council; and

(b) matters relating to finances of the Councils referred to the Provincial Finance Commission by Government or by a Council.

(2) Government may make grant-in-aid to a Council and such grant shall not form part of the provincial allocable amount.

(3) The Provincial Finance Commission may, before making recommendations, consult anybody or person, and shall take into account the principles of population, backwardness, need and performance of a council.

(4) Government may approve or, for reasons to be recorded in writing, alter the recommendations of the Provincial Finance Commission and promptly release the grants directly to the council.

(5) The Provincial Finance Commission shall take all decisions by majority of the members present and voting.

(6) The Provincial Finance Commission shall present to the Government annually a report on the analysis of the fiscal

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transfers, the situation of own-source revenue of the Councils and the reach and quality of their services and Government shall cause the report to be laid before Provincial Assembly of the Sindh.

(7) The provincial allocable amount and shares of the councils shall be determined by the award which shall remain in force for a period of four years.

(8) In case, the recommendations are not finalized before the expiry of the period of the award, the award in force shall continue to serve as the determinant of the provincial allocable amount and the shares of the councils till such time that a new award is approved.

114. (1) The Provincial Finance Commission shall, in consultation with the Government, determine the requirements for certification of fiscal transfers.

**Certification
requirements for
fiscal transfers.**

(2) The certification under sub-section (1) shall include the following:-

- (a) provincial allocable amount and its calculation;
- (b) transfer of funds in accordance with determined shares of the Councils;
- (c) transfer of funds in accordance with the award and references made to the Provincial Finance Commission; and
- (d) revenues and expenditures of the Government and Councils.

(3) The Provincial Finance Commission may, for the purposes of certification, obtain data from Government, Council, any relevant agency connected with Government or the Federal Government.

(4) Government and a Council shall provide reports to the Provincial Finance Commission on the timeframe and methodology for the flow of funds determined by the Provincial Finance Commission.

(5) A Council may seek redressal of grievance relating to any matter connected with fiscal transfers by the Government by making a reference to the Provincial Finance Commission along with the grounds of such grievance and the Provincial Finance Commission may take appropriate decision for

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purposes of redressal of grievance.

115.(1) Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to impose limits on the powers of the Provincial Finance Commission under any law as regards calling for any information relating to fiscal transfer formula and transfer of funds and, for the purpose, shall have the same powers as are vested in a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908).

**Powers of the
Provincial Finance
Commission.**

(2) The provincial allocable amount and shares of the councils shall be transferred on the basis of actual monthly receipts of Government.

(3) The Provincial Finance Commission shall conduct its business in the prescribed manner.

116.(1) The accounts of every Council shall be audited in such manner, after such intervals and by such Authority, as provided under any law or as prescribed.

Audit.

(2)The Audit Authority shall have access to all books, records and other documents pertaining to accounts and may also examine the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, or any Member or Employees of the Council.

(3)On the completion of audit, the Audit Authority shall, in the prescribed manner, submit to Government and the Council, an audit report which shall, among other things, mention the cases of-

- (a) embezzlement, fraud and mis-appropriation of Local Fund;
- (b) loss, waste or misapplication of Local Fund;
- (c) irregularities in the maintenance of accounts;
- (d) unauthorized and excess expenditure.

(4)The Annual Audit Report shall be displayed by the Council at a conspicuous place for general information and on its web-site.

(5)The Council shall within sixty days from the receipt of audit report comply with the instructions, and rectify the irregularities given in the audit report and furnish to Government a detailed

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report in that behalf.

(6) Government shall, within thirty days of the receipt of the report under sub-section (5), forward it to the Public Accounts Committee of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh.

(7) Every Member or Employee of a Council and every person, charged with the administration of the affairs of a Council, or acting on behalf of a Council shall be personally liable for the loss, waste, misapplication or unauthorized application of any moneys or property belonging to the Council which is a direct consequence of his negligence or misconduct, and the liability of such member, employee or person shall be determined by Government in the prescribed manner.

(8) If in the opinion of the Government, it is necessary in public interest to have a special audit of a Council, it may direct that such audit may be conducted either by the Provincial Director Local Fund Audit or any other audit agency.

(9) After the receipt of special audit report of a Council, Government may take appropriate action under the law.

(10) Government may, where deemed appropriate, cause special audit of any Council to be conducted by any independent Auditor.

(11) Government may appoint District Account Committees which shall perform such functions as may be prescribed.

(12) Nothing provided in this Act shall prejudice or prevent the Auditor General of Pakistan from conducting audit of the Councils.

117.(1) A Council may acquire and hold property both movable and immovable, whether within or without the limits of the Council.

Property of the Councils.

(2) All properties of the nature described herein not being specially reserved by Government, shall stand vested in a Council -

- (a) all property which vested in any Council of which the Council is the successor;
- (b) all public markets, slaughter houses, manure and night soil depots, and public buildings of any

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description constructed or maintained by the Council;

- (c) all public streams, tanks, reservoirs, cisterns, wells, springs, aqueducts, conduits, tunnels, pipes, pumps and other water works, and all bridges, buildings, engine works, materials and things connected with or appertaining to such water works and any adjacent land, appertaining thereto not being private property;
- (d) all public sewers and drains; all sewers, drain tunnels, culverts, gutters and water courses within the street line of a public street, and all works, materials and things appertaining thereto, all dust, dirt, dung, ashes, refuse, animal matter, filth, or rubbish of any kind collected by the Council from the streets, houses, privies, sewers, cesspools or else-where;
- (e) all public lamps, lamp posts, and apparatus connected therewith, or appertaining thereto;
- (f) all public streets, and pavements, stones and other materials thereof, and all trees within the street line and all erections, materials implements and things provided for such streets.

(3) Subject to the other provisions of this Act, a Council shall -

- (a) control, manage, maintain, inspect, develop or improve any property which is owned by or vests in it or which is placed under its charge;
- (b) apply such property for the purposes of this Act; and
- (c) acquire or transfer by grant, gift, sale, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise any property in the prescribed manner.

(4) Government may, by rules provide for the management, maintenance, improvement, development and regulation or alienation of the property belonging to or vesting in a Council.

118. Government may direct that any specified items of income of a Council shall wholly or in part be earmarked for and applied in the implementation of a scheme or **Earmarking of income for development**

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development plan proposed under this Act.

plans.

CHAPTER-XIII
PROVINCIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

119.(1) Government shall appoint a Provincial Local Government Commission which shall comprise of the following members:-

**Provincial Local
Government
Commission.**

- (a) the Minister for Local Government, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) two members of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh each to be nominated by the leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition;
- ¹(c) two eminent, qualified and experienced technocrat members nominated by the Government;
- (d) Secretary, Law Department;
- (e) Secretary, Local Government Department, shall be ex-officio member and Secretary of the Commission.

(2) The Provincial Local Government Commission may, for the performance of its functions, co-opt any official of the Government for any specific assignment.

(3) The tenure of the members of the Provincial Local Government Commission, other than Secretaries of Local Government and Law Department, shall be four years.

(4) The Local Government Department, shall provide secretariat support to the Local Government Commission and the Department shall render assistance in the functioning of the Commission by establishing a separate Secretariat of the Commission with sections for each level of council.

(5) No act or proceedings of the Provincial Local Government Commission shall be invalid by reason of existence of any vacancy in, or defect in, the constitution of the Commission.

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.23.

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(6) The Government shall provide a separate budget for Local Government Commission in the Annual Budget.

(7) The Government shall notify the organogram and schedule of establishment of the Provincial Local Government Commission.

(8) The Secretary of Local Government Department, shall be the Principal Accounting Officer and the Commission shall have its own Drawing and Disbursing Officer.

120.(1) The functions of the Provincial Local Government Commission shall be as, otherwise, provided in this Act and, in particular, it shall –

**Functions of the
Provincial Local
Government
Commission.**

- (a) conduct special inspections of the Councils and submit reports to the Chief Minister Sindh;
- (b) conduct, on its own initiative or, whenever, so directed by the Chief Minister Sindh, an inquiry by itself or through Council into any matter concerning a Council;
- (c) cause, on its own initiative or, whenever, so directed by the Chief Minister Sindh, a special audit by itself or direct a Council to arrange a special audit, of any Council;
- (d) resolve disputes between any Department of Government of Sindh and Council or between two Councils;

Provided that if the Local Government Commission fails to settle the disputes, the aggrieved party may move the Chief Minister Sindh for resolution thereof;

- (e) enquire into the matters referred to it by the Chief Officer under the provisions of this Act and give its decision thereon or, as the case may be, make report to the competent

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authority;

- (f) submit to the Chief Minister Sindh an Annual Report on the over all performance of the Council;
- (g) take cognizance of violations of laws and rules by a Council in performance of its functions;
- (h) organize consultative planning meetings of National and Provincial legislators, Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Councils on a periodic basis to provide their participation in development activities of the district with regard to-
 - (i) the consultative process of the Annual Development Plan of the Council;
 - (ii) formulating procedure for utilization of the Legislators development grant;
 - (iii) assessing implementation of decision of these meetings; and
 - (iv) carrying out review of development schemes;

(2) The directions and orders of the Provincial Local Government Commission arising out of its inspections and inquiries under this Act shall be binding upon the concerned Council failing which the Commission shall report the matter with specific recommendations to the Chief Minister Sindh for decision and appropriate action.

(3) Where the Provincial Local Government Commission is of opinion that suspension of a Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman or Vice Chairman of Council is necessary for the fair conduct of the enquiry under this Act or preventing the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman or Vice Chairman of Council from continuing with any unlawful activity during the pendency of enquiry, it may recommend to the Chief Minister Sindh for

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making appropriate order for suspension of such Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman or Vice Chairman of Council for a maximum period of ninety days.

(4) Where, on any enquiry under this Act, a Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman, Vice Chairman or a member of a Council is found guilty of misconduct by the Provincial Local Government Commission, it shall recommend appropriate action, to the Chief Minister Sindh.

(5) The Provincial Local Government Commission shall have the same powers as are vested in a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedures, 1908 (Act V of 1908), in respect of the following matters, namely :-

(a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;

(b) compelling the production of documents;

(c) receiving evidence on affidavits; and

(d) issuing commission for the examination of witnesses.

CHAPTER- XIV

ADMINISTRATION OF SERVICE

121.(1) There shall be constituted a service known as the Sindh Councils Unified Grades comprising such posts in Council in such scales of pay as may, from time to time, be specified.

**Sindh Council
Unified Grades**

(2) Appointments to the Sindh Councils Unified Grades shall be made by such authority and in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(3) Save in so far as inconsistent with the provisions of this

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Act, the Sindh Councils Unified Grade Service, Rules, 1982, shall continue to remain enforce, until and unless repealed or amended by Government:

Provided that all appointments to posts in BS-17 and above shall be made through Sindh Public Service Commission.

¹[(4) The Councils constituted under this Act shall have their own service, subject to rules made under this Act or any other law, for the time being in force.]:

Provided that the terms and conditions of their service shall not be less favourable than the terms and conditions applicable to them immediately before the coming into force of this Act.

(5) Government may transfer a person belonging to the Sindh Councils Unified Grades from one Council to another Council.

(6) A person belonging to the Sindh Councils Unified Grades shall be liable to such disciplinary action and penalties in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed.

122.(1) Government may, for the persons belonging to the Sindh Councils Unified Grades, and in the prescribed manner, establish and maintain:-

**Pension,
Benevolent and
Provident Fund.**

- (a) the Sindh Councils Unified Grades Fund from which such payments in respect of such persons shall, in the prescribed manner, be made;
- (b) pension fund from which person shall, in the prescribed manner, be paid to such persons;

¹ Subs, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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- (c) benevolent fund from which any special pension or gratuity, shall, in the prescribed manner be paid to the family of any such person when he dies of disease or injury contracted or suffered by him in the discharge of his official duties;
- (d) provident fund for such persons, to which contribution shall be made by such persons and in such manner and proportion, as may be prescribed.

(2) Government may operate a scheme of social insurance for the persons belonging to the Sindh Councils Unified Grades and require such persons to subscribe to such Unified Grades and require such persons to subscribe to such scheme in such manner and proportion as may be prescribed.

123.(1) A Council shall prepare a Schedule of Establishment showing the numbers of posts in each grade which are deemed necessary for the efficient performance of its functions under this Act and submit the same within three months of the coming into force of this Act to Government for approval.

**Schedule of
Establishment.**

(2) if, in the opinion of Government, the number of posts in the Schedule of Establishment or the remuneration fixed for any post included in it is excessive, the Council shall, on being required by Government for doing so, reduce the number or the remuneration, as the case may be.

(3) A change in the Schedule of Establishment approved by the Government under sub-section (1) shall be made in the same manner as the Schedule of Establishment.

124.(1) Appointment to a schedule posts shall be made by such Authority, in such manner and on such terms and conditions as, may be prescribed and the person so

**Appointment of
employees for
Councils.**

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appointed shall be the employee of the Council:

(2) An employee of a Council shall be liable to such disciplinary action and penalties in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed; provided that the Council shall have power to impose the penalty on such employees.

125.(1) A Council may, establish and maintain-

**Provident Fund
and Social
Insurance.**

- (a) provident fund for the benefit of its employees, who shall contribute to such fund in such manner and proportion as may be prescribed.
- (b) pension fund from which pension, shall, in the prescribed manner, be paid to the employees of the Council;
- (c) benevolent fund, in the prescribed manner from which any special pension or gratuity, shall, in the prescribed manner be paid to the family of a employee of the Council, who dies of disease or injury contracted or suffered by him in the discharge of his officials duties.

(2) A Council may operate a scheme of social insurance for its employees and require such employees to subscribe to such scheme in such manner and proportion, as may be prescribed.

126.A Council or group of Councils may, in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed appoint a whole time or part time Legal Advisor, not being a member of the Sindh Councils Unified Grades or employee of the Council or Councils to appear in all legal proceedings and to render such advice as may be required.

Legal Adviser

127.(1) Government may set up institutions or make other

Training And

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arrangement as may be necessary for-

Training Institutions

- (i) the pre-service and in-service training of the employees of the Councils;
- (ii) the training of Members, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Councils;
- (iii) organizing conference and seminars on Local Government and related subjects;
- (iv) undertaking research in Local Government and allied subjects independently or in collaboration with the Universities or Research Institutions.
- (v) the courses to be studied in the institutions established under this sub section and examinations and award of diplomas and certificates to successful candidates.
- (vi) affiliating the institutions established with the Universities and associating the Universities, Colleges or Training Institutes for the training of the staff of the Engineering, Education, Public Health and other Departments of the Council.

(2) The Civil Servants and employees of other agencies or private bodies may get training in the institutions established under sub-section (1) on such terms and conditions as may be determined by Government.

(3) A Council may be required to pay towards the cost of institutions set up or other arrangements made under sub-section (1) in such proportion as Government may, from time to time, determine.

128.(1) There shall be constituted a Board to be called the **Sindh Local**

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Sindh Local Government Board.

Government Board

(2) The Board shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and such number of Members as may be appointed by Government.

(3) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board shall perform such functions and exercise such powers as may be prescribed.

129.(1)The Board shall perform such functions and maintain funds in respect of employees as may be prescribed.

Functions Of The Board

(2) The Board shall with the approval of Government employ such number of employees as may be necessary, on such terms and conditions and they shall be liable to such disciplinary action and penalties as may be prescribed.

(3) Government may, from time to time, specify that a post in the Board shall be filled by person belonging to the Sindh Council Unified Grades or any other service.

130.The expenditure on the maintenance of the Board shall be borne by the Councils by making contributions at such rate as may, from time to time, be fixed by Government.

Expenditure On Maintenance Of The Board

131.(1)Government may appoint Divisional and District Local Government Boards to exercise such functions and powers under this Act as may be delegated to them by Government.

Divisional And District Local Boards

(2) The Divisional and District Local Government Boards shall, with the approval of Board, employ such number of employees as may be necessary on such terms and conditions and they shall be liable to such disciplinary action and penalties as may be prescribed.

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CHAPTER- XV

OFFENCES, PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

132.(1) The offences specified in ¹[Schedule-VI] shall be liable to punishment by way of imprisonment, fine, seizure, forfeiture, confiscation and impounding and such other penalties as are provided in this Act.

**Offences,
Punishments And
Their Cognizance**

(2) If a person commits an offence specified in -

(a) Part-I of ¹[Schedule-VI], such person shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine which may extend to five lac rupees or with both;

(b) Part-II of ¹[Schedule-VI], such person shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to seven years or fine which may extend to ten lac rupees or with both; and

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(3) The fines imposed by a Court for an offence specified in Sixth Schedule shall on collection be deposited in the local fund of the council concerned.

133. (1) The Mayor or the Chairman shall, with the approval of the Council, authorize the officials of the Council as Inspectors for enforcement of the provisions relating to the offences specified in the Schedules.

**Appointment and
Control of
Inspectors.**

Provided that the council shall not appoint Inspectors in excess of numbers specified below without approval from the Government.

S.#	Category of Council	Number of Inspectors
1	Union Council	One

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.24 for words "Sixth schedule".

² Proviso omitted, by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013.

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2	Town Committee	One
3	Municipal Committee	Three
4	District Council	Five
5	¹ [Town Municipal Corporation]	Five (each)
6	² [Municipal Corporation]	Five (each)]

(2) The prescribed officer shall be the controlling authority and administrative head of an Inspector and the Inspector shall report to the officer for the enforcement of provisions of this Chapter.

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135. The Council or any person generally or specially authorized by the Council in this behalf may compound any offence under this Act.

Compounding of Offences.

136.No court shall take cognizance of any offence under this Act except on a complaint in writing received from the Mayor or Chairman or a person generally or specially authorized by the Council in this behalf.

Cognizance of Offence.

137.The offences under this Act shall be cognizable and triable by a competent Court in accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code 1898.

Trial of the Offences.

¹ Subs, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021 for the words "District Municipal Corporation".

² New Serial 6 added., ibid.

³ "S.134" omitted by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.25.

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MISCELLANEOUS

138. (1) Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act. **Rules**

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, such rules may provide for all or any of the matters enumerated in Schedule VII and all matters incidental, consequential and supplemental thereto.

139. (1) A Council may, and if required by Government shall, make bye-laws not inconsistent with the rules, for carrying out the purposes of this Act. **Bye-laws**

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers such bye-laws may provide for all or any of the matters enumerated in Schedule VIII and all matters incidental, consequential and supplemental thereto.

(3) All bye-laws shall be made subject to the condition of previous publication.

(4) All bye-laws shall be subject to the sanction of Government and Government may sanction the same with or without modification.

(5) If the Council fails to make any bye-laws when required by Government to do so, Government may frame the bye-laws and publish them in the official Gazette and the bye-laws so published shall be deemed to be bye-laws made by the Council.

(6) Government may frame model bye-laws and the

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Councils may adopt them or be guided by them.

(7) All bye-laws shall be published in such manner as in the opinion of the Authority making them is best suited for information of the residents of the local area concerned.

140. (1) All rules and bye-laws made under this Act shall be deemed to form part of this Act.

General provision relating to rules and bye-laws.

(2) Copies of rules and bye laws pertaining to a Council shall be kept available at the office of the Council for inspection and sale.

141. (1) Government may, by notification, delegate any of its powers under this Act or the rules to Council or to any officer under Government or the Council, as the case may be.

Delegations of Powers

(2) A Council may by notification delegate any of its powers to the Mayor or as the case may be, Chairman or a Committee or Sub-Committee or any Officer serving under the Council.

142. (1) A Council may join any other Council or a Local Authority in appointing a Joint Committee for any purpose in which such Councils, or Local Authorities are jointly interested and may delegate to such Joint Committees any power which may be exercised by it including the power to make bye-laws for conduct of its business.

Joint Committees

143. Any person aggrieved by an order passed under this Act or the rules or bye-laws may appeal to such Authority in such manner and within such period as may be prescribed, and the order passed in appeal shall be final.

Appeals

144. Government may by standing order issued from time to time-

Regulation Of Selection Of Councils And Conduct Of Their Activities

(a) co-ordinate the activities of Councils and Government Departments;

(b) provide general guidance to the Councils in

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carrying out the purposes of this Act.

145. Encroachments shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the laws relating to the removal of encroachments. **Encroachments.**

146. Any land or building required by a Council temporarily or permanently, may be acquired through the Commissioner in accordance with the law relating to such acquisition for the time being in force. **Acquisition Of Land Or Building**

147. (1) A person who directly or indirectly acquires any share or interest in any contract with a Council or obtains any employment other than an employment as an employee of the Council, under the Council shall be disqualified from being an employee of that Council. **Disqualification For Service In A Council**

(2) Where any employee of a Council acquires directly or indirectly any share or interest in any such contracts as aforesaid, shall, after enquiry in the prescribed manner be removed from the service of the Council.

148. (1) A suit may be instituted against a Council in respect of any act done or purported to be done under this Act after the expiration of one month next after notice in writing has been, delivered or left at its office stating the cause of action, the name, description of place or residence of the intending plaintiff and the relief which he claims and the plaint shall contain a statement that such notice has been so delivered or left. **Institution Of Suits Against Council**

(2) Where any such suit is instituted without delivering or leaving such notice as aforesaid or before the expiration of the said period of one month or where the plaint does not contain a statement that such notice has been so delivered or left, the plaintiff shall not be entitled to any costs, if settlement regarding the subject matter of the suit is reached or the Council concedes the plaintiff's claim within the period of one month from the date of institution of the suit;

Provided that in a suit instituted without such notice, the

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Council may submit its written statement within sixty days in the Court.

149. (1) Where anything is required to be done or not to be done by any person under this Act or the Rules or Bye-laws, a notice shall be served on the person concerned specifying the time within which the requirement shall be complied with.

**Notice And
Service Thereof**

(2) No notice shall be invalid for defect of form.

(3) Every notice, shall, unless otherwise provided, be served or presented by giving or tendering the notice or sending it by post to the person for whom it is intended or where the notice cannot be so served or presented by affixing it on some conspicuous part of his place of residence or business.

(4) A notice intended for the public in general shall be deemed to have been duly served if a copy thereof is affixed at such public place as may be determined by the Council concerned and in case of a Corporation, Municipal Committee, Town Committee, and District Council, is published in a newspaper.

150. All records prepared or registers maintained under this Act shall be deemed to be public documents within the meaning of the Qanoon-e-Shahadat Order 1984 and shall be presumed to be genuine until the contrary is proved.

**Records To Be
Public Documents**

151. Every member and employee of a Council and every other person duly empowered to act on behalf of a Council shall be deemed to be a Public Servant within the meaning of Section 21 of the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860).

**Members and
servants of
councils to be
public servants.**

152. (1) No suit, prosecution, or other legal proceedings shall lie against Government, Election Commission of Pakistan or any Council or any Officer or other person for anything done in good faith or intended to be done under this Act, or any rule or direction given there under.

**Protection of
Action Taken In
Good Faith**

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(2) No Court shall question the legality of any action taken in good faith or under the Authority of the Election Commission of Pakistan or an Officer appointed by it or any decisions given by any of them.

153. Where this Act makes any provisions for anything to be done but no provision or sufficient provision has been made in respect of the Authority by whom, or the manner in which it shall be done, then it shall be done by such Authority and in such manner as may be prescribed.

**Certain Matters To
Be Prescribed**

¹[153-A. Wherever power is conferred on any person, authority, body, officer or Council under the provisions of this Act, such power shall be exercised fairly, justly, reasonably and in public interest. Provided that the action taken in exercise of power conferred under the provisions of this Act shall be proportionate keeping in view all the facts and circumstances.

153-B. Save in sub-section (xvii) of section 3, wherever the words "Election Commission of Pakistan" are appearing, the same shall be substituted by the words "Election Commission.]

²[153-C. **Over-riding effect.** Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in this Act or any other law, for the time being in force, the provisions of the Sindh Local Government Act (as amended), shall have over-riding effect.]

154.(1) Subject to any reasonable restriction imposed through rules, a person may seek any information in possession of a council.

**Right To
Information**

(2) Every designated functionary of a council shall, within seven days of an application, provide requisite information to the applicant on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.

(3) A council shall, on quarterly basis, publish on its website or at prominent place information about the staffing and the performance of the officers of the Council during the

¹ New "S.153-A and 153-B" ins. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.26.

² New section 153-C ins, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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preceding three months.

(4) A Council shall maintain records in the prescribed manner with the special emphasis on electronic record keeping.

CHAPTER- XVII

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

155.(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may for a period not exceeding six months from the date of commencement of this Act shall have the power to pass any order for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act or to deal with the situation not specifically provided for under this Act. **Transition**

156. (1) On coming into force of this Act, any office, authority, body or a Council established under any other law relating to Council shall continue providing services without any interruption until a Council is established under this Act for the local area. **Interim Authorities**

(2) All functionaries of the bodies established under any other law shall continue to perform their respective functions, duties and responsibilities with the successor Council under this Act, until transferred to any other Council.

157. Where on the enforcement of this Act in any area, any service undertaken or institution maintained by Government is required under any of the provisions of this Act to be compulsorily undertaken or maintained by a local government or Council, such service or institution shall, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, continue to be undertaken or maintained by the Government until the management thereof is transferred to the local government or Council. **Interim Maintenance Of Institutions**

158. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, all authorities and all officers who immediately before the **Continuation Of Functions Of**

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enforcement of this Act were exercising functions of local government or Council under any law relating to local government shall continue to exercise their respective functions till the Councils are constituted under this Act; provided that Government may withdrawal all or any of the functions from such authorities or officers as it may deem necessary.

**Certain Authorities
And Officers**

159. All taxes, cesses, fees, rates, rents, tolls or charges which were being charged, levied and collected by any office or authority, body or Council under any law relating to Council shall continue to be charged, levied and collected under this Act by the successor Council and every person liable to pay such tax, cess, fee, rate, rent, toll, charge or any arrears of the tax, cess, fee, rate, rent, toll or charge shall continue to make the payment until such tax, cess, fee, rate, rent, toll or charge is revised, withdrawn or varied under this Act.

Financial Transition

160. (1) The Sindh Local Government Ordinance- 1979 revived through the Sindh (Repeal of the Sindh Peoples Local Government Act- 2012 and Revival of the Sindh Local Government Ordinance- 1979) Act-2013, is hereby repealed.

Repeal And Saving

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the enactment under sub-section (1)-

- (a) everything done, action taken, obligation, liability, penalty or punishment incurred, inquiry or proceeding commenced, person appointed or authorized, jurisdiction or power conferred, licence, certificate or permit granted, rules or bye-laws made and order issued under any of the provisions of the repealed enactment shall, if not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, continue in force and, so far as may be, deemed to have been respectively done, taken, incurred, commenced, appointed, authorized conferred, granted made or

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issued under this Act;

- (b) all Union Councils, District Councils, Town Committees, Municipal Committees and Corporations, bodies or authorities existing immediately before the coming into force of this Act, shall be deemed to be the Councils and the Officials or Administrators performing the duties and functions of such bodies or Councils shall continue to perform such duties and functions until newly elected Councils assume the offices in accordance with the provisions of this Act; provided that Government may, in the meantime remove or transfer any such official or Administrator and appoint any other person to be Administrator or Official of such Council or make any other arrangement for running the affairs of the Council.

161. The Government may, within two years of the commencement of this Act, by order consistent with the Act, provide for the removal of any difficulty which may arise in giving effect to the provisions of this Act. **Removal Of Difficulty**

SCHEDULE – I

(See Section-19)

Part-A

The councils shall have such number of members as given in section -19 or as may from time to time be determined by the government.

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¹[Part-B

1. METROPOLITAN CORPORATION

Population above 5 million.

2. MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Population between 0.3 million to 5 million.

3. TOWN IN METROPOLITAN CORPORATION

Population between 0.5 million to 0.75 million.

4. TOWN IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

Population between 125000 to 350000.

5. MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

Population between 50000 to 0.3 million.

6. UNION COMMITTEES IN A METROPOLITAN CORPORATION

Population between 45000 to 75000.

7. TOWN COMMITTEES

Population between 15000 to 50000.

8. UNION COUNCIL

Population between 10000 to 25000.

9. UNION COMMITTEE IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Population between 10000 to 25000.

10. WARD IN MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

Population between 4500 to 7000.

11. WARD IN TOWN COMMITTEE

Population between 2500 to 5000].

¹ Subs in Schedule-I for Part-B, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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Part-C

¹[Union Council

Population between 10000 to 15000

Union Committee in Municipal Corporation

Population between 10000 to 15000

Union Committee in Metropolitan Corporation

Population between ²[40000 to 50000]

Ward in a Town Committee

Population between 2000 to 3000

Ward in a Municipal Committee

Population between 4000 to 5000]

SCHEDULE - II

(See Section 72)

**FUNCTIONS TO BE PERFORMED BY CORPORATIONS, MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES AND
TOWN COMMITTEES**

PART - I

COMPULSORY FUNCTIONS

**³ [FUNCTIONS TO BE PERFORMED BY
THE METROPOLITAN CORPORATION AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION]**

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.27.

² Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XII of 2015, dated 2nd Mar, 2015, s.10.

³ Subs, by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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- (1) Planning development and maintenance of Inter-district roads, bridges, street lights and storm water drains.
- (2) Special Development Programme.
- (3) Co-ordination. Monitoring and supervision of all inter-district development / maintenance work.
- (4) Maintenance of Abattoirs and Cattle Colonies to be specified by Government.
- ¹(5) * * * * *
- (6) Zoological Gardens, Safari Park, Aquarium, Sports Complex and Beeches.
- (7) Art Gallery, Museum and Metropolitan Library.
- (8) Municipal Watch and Ward.
- (9) Fire Fighting Service.
- (10) Civil Defence.
- (11) Traffic Engineering.
- (12) Milk Supply Schemes.
- (13) Control of Land owned by Metropolitan Corporation and Removal of Encroachments from the properties owned by Metropolitan Corporation²[from the jurisdiction of metropolitan area].
- (14) Celebration of National Days.
- (15) Reception of Foreign dignitaries / distinguished guests.
- (16) Providing protection against stray animals and animal trespass, and establishing cattle pounds; and

¹ Entry 5, Omitted by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

² The words added., *ibid.*

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- (17) regulation or prohibition of the establishment of brick kilns, potteries and other kilns within the residential areas;
- (18) Any other function which Government may assign.

¹ PART- I-A * * * * *

PART - II

COMPULSORY FUNCTIONS

**²[FUNCTIONS TO BE PERFORMED BY TOWN MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS,
MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES AND TOWN COMMITTEES]**

PUBLIC HEALTH.

1. Promotion of Public Health.— Subject to the provisions of the Act and the rules, an urban council may take such measures for promoting public health, including education in health, as it considers necessary, or, as the case may be, Government directs.

2. Responsibility for Sanitations:-

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee shall be responsible for the sanitation, and may for that purpose cause such measures to be taken as are required by or under this Act.

3. Removal, Collection and Disposal of Refuse:-

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee shall make adequate arrangements for the removal of refuse from all public streets, public latrines, urinals, drains and all buildings and lands vested in the Council concerned and for the collection and proper disposal of such refuse.

¹ Part I-A omitted by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

² Subs., ibid.

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1 4. * * * * *

1 5. * * * * *

WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE.

6. A Corporation, Municipal Committee or town Committee shall, within the limits of the funds at its disposal provide or cause to be provided, a supply of whole-some water sufficient for public and private purpose.

7. Private Source of water supply:-

All private sources of water supply within the Local Area concerned shall be subject to control, regulation and inspection by the Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee.

8. Drainage:-

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee shall, within the limits of the funds at its disposal provide adequate system of public drains in the Local Area and all such drains shall be constructed, maintained kept cleared and emptied with due regard to the health and convenience of the public.

SLAUGHTER HOUSE

9. A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee shall, provide and maintain at such site or sites within or without Local Area as may be approved by Government one or more Slaughter Houses for the Slaughter of animals generally or of any specified description of animals for sale.

STREETS

10. Public Streets.

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee shall provide and maintain such public streets and other means of public communication as may be

¹ Entries 4 and 5 omitted by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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necessary for the comfort and Convenience of the inhabitants of the local area concerned and of the visitors thereto.

11. Streets.

No new streets shall be laid out except with the precious sanction of the Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee, and in conformity with the terms and conditions of such sanction.

12. Streets Lights.

A Corporation, municipal Committee or Town Committee shall take such measures as may be necessary for the proper lighting of the public streets and other public streets and other public places vesting in the Council concerned by oil, gas, electricity or such other illuminate as the Council may determine.

13. Public Vehicle.

No person shall keep or let for hire, or drive or propel within the Local Area any public vehicle, other than a motor vehicle, except under a licence granted by the Corporation, Municipal Committee or Union Committee and in conformity with the conditions of such licence.

EDUCATION

114. * * * * *

MISCELLANEOUS

15. Providing protection against stray animals and animal trespass, and establishing cattle pounds; and

16. regulation or prohibition of the establishment of brick kilns, potteries and other kilns within the residential areas;

¹ Entry 14 omitted by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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1. Removal, collection and disposal of refuse.

(1) The occupiers of all buildings and lands within the local area shall be responsible for the removal of refuse from such buildings and lands subject to the general control and supervision of the Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee, as the case may be.

(2) The Council concerned may cause public dustbins or other suitable receptacles to be provided at suitable places including streets, or other places conveniently accessible to the public, and where such dustbins or receptacles are provided, the Council concerned, may by public notice, require that all refuse accumulating in any premises or land shall be deposited by the owner or occupier of such premises or land in such dust-bins or receptacles and be removed by the Council.

(3) All refuse removed by or under the supervision of the staff of the Council concerned shall be the property of the Council.

2. Public Toilets.

(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may and if required by Government, shall provide and maintain sufficient number of public toilets for separate use of each sex at appropriate places, and shall cause the same to be kept and maintained in proper order of cleanliness.

(2) The occupier of any public premises or land to which any latrine or urinal pertains shall keep such latrine or urinal in a proper state to the satisfaction of the Council concerned and shall employ such staff for the purpose as may be necessary, or as may be specified by the Council.

(3) Where any premises are with privy or urinal accommodation, or without adequate privy or urinal accommodation, or the privy or urinal is on any ground objectionable, the Council concerned may by notice require the owner of such premises:-

- (a) to provide such or such additional privy or urinal accommodation as may be specified in the notice; or
- (b) to make such structural or other alterations in the existing privy or urinal accommodation as may be so specified; or

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- (c) to remove the privy or urinal, and
- (d) where there is an underground sewerage system, to substitute connected privy or connected urinal accommodation for any service privy or service-urinal accommodation.

13. * * * * *

14. * * * * *

5. (a) Promotion of public health.

Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules, the Council may, and if Government so directs, shall take such measures for promoting public health including education in health as it considers necessary or, as the case may be, Government directs.

2(b) * * * * *

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27. * * * * *

8. Water supply.

(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, and if required by Government, shall, in the prescribed manner, frame and execute a water supply scheme for the construction and maintenance of such works for the provision, storage and distribution of water as may be necessary.

(2) Where a piped water supply is provided, the Council concerned may supply water to private and public premises in such manner and on payment of such charges as the bye-laws may provide.

¹ Entries 3 and 4 under heading Optional Functions omitted by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

² Entries 5b, 6 and 7., *ibid.*

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9. Private sources of water supply.

(1) No new well, water-pump or any other sources of water for drinking purposes shall be dug, constructed, or provided except with the sanction of the Council, concerned.

(2) The Council concerned may by notice require the owner or any person having the control of any private source of water supply used for drinking-

- (a) to keep the same in good order and to clear there from silt, refuse and decaying matter from time to time;
- (b) to protect the same from contamination in such manner as the Council concerned may direct, and
- (c) if the water therein is proved to the satisfaction of the Council concerned to be unfit for drinking purposes to take such measures as may be specified in the notice to prevent the use of such water for drinking purposes.

10. Drainage.

(1) Every owner or occupier of any land or building within the Local Area may, with the previous permission of the Council concerned and subject to such terms and conditions, including the payment of fees, as the Council may impose, cause his drains to be emptied into public drains.

(2) All private drains shall be subject to control, regulation and inspection by the Council concerned and the Council may, in such manner as the bye-laws may provide, require the provision, alteration, covering, clearing and closing of private drains.

11. Drainage Schemes.

(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, and if so required by Government, shall prepare a drainage scheme in the prescribed manner for the construction of drains at public and private expenses, and other works for the effective drainage and disposal of sullage.

(2) A drainage scheme prepared under clause (1) shall be submitted for approval to Government which may approve it, reject it, or approve it subject to such modifications as it may deem fit.

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(3) The drainage scheme as approved by Government shall be executed and implemented in such manner within such period and by such authority as may be specified by Government.

(4) The Council concerned may, by notice, require the owner of any building or land within the local area.-

- (a) to construct such drains within the building or land or the street adjoining such building or land, as may be specified in the notice;
- (b) to remove, alter, or improve any such drains; and
- (c) to take such other steps for the effective drainage of the building or land as may be specified.

12. Bathing, and washing places.

(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, from time to time.

- (a) set apart suitable places for use by the public for bathing, washing clothes, or for drying clothes;
- (b) specify the times at which and the sex of the persons by whom such places may be used; and
- (c) prohibit by public notice, the use by the public for any of the said purposes of any place not so set apart.

(2) No person shall establish, maintain or run a hammam or a bath for public use except under a licence granted by the Council concerned and in conformity with the conditions and terms of such licence.

13. Dhobi ghats and washermen.

(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may provide dhobi ghats for the exercise of their calling by washermen, and may by bye-laws regulate the use of dhobi ghats and levy fees for their use.

(2) The Council concerned may by bye-laws provide for the licensing of washermen and the regulation of their calling.

14. Public Water Courses.

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(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may with the previous sanction of Government, declare any source of water, spring, river, tank, pond or public stream, or any part thereof within the Local Area, which is not private property, to be a public water-course.

(2) The Council concerned may, in respect of any public watercourse provide such amenities, make such arrangements for life-saving, execute such works, and, subject to the provision of any law for the time being in force relating to irrigation, drainage and navigation, regulate the use thereof, as the bye-laws may provide.

15. (1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may by bye-laws provide for the licensing of boats and other vessels and may prescribe the terms and conditions for the grant of licences and the fees to be charged therefore-

(2) Public Ferries.

Government may declare any part of a public water-course to be a public ferry and may entrust the management thereof to the Council concerned, and thereupon the Council shall manage and operate the public ferry in such manner and levy such tolls as may be prescribed.

16. Public Fisheries.

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, with the previous sanction of Government declare any public water-course as a public fishery, and thereupon the right of fishing in such water-course shall vest in the Council concerned, which may exercise such right in such manner as may be prescribed by bye-laws.

ARTICLES OF FOOD AND DRINK

1 17. * * * * *

18. Milk Supply.

(1) Except, under a licence granted by the Corporation Municipal Committee or Town Committee no person shall, within the Local Area, keep milk cattle for the sale of milk, or sell milk or expose or import milk for sale or manufacture

¹ Entry 17 under heading Optional Functions omitted by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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butter, ghee, or any other milk or dairy product, or keep or maintain any promises therefor.

(2) The Council concerned may, in the prescribed manner, and with the previous sanction of Government, frame and enforce a milk supply scheme, which may, among other matters, provide for the establishment of milkmen's colonies, the prohibition of the keeping of milk cattle in the Local Area or any part thereof and the adoption of such other measures as may be necessary for ensuring an adequate supply of pure milk to the public.

19. Public Markets.

(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may establish and maintain public markets of any article of food and drink and provide places for use as public markets for the sale of articles of food and drink and of animals and secure the proper management and sanitation of such markets.

(2) The Council concerned may, in respect of a public market, provide by bye-laws-

- (a) the fees to be charged for the use or for the right to expose food for sale in the market;
- (b) the fees to be levied on vehicles and animals bringing goods therein for sale;
- (c) the fees to be charged for the use of shops, stalls, pens or stamps;
- (d) the fees to be charged in respect of animals brought for sale or sold; and
- (e) the fees to be charged from brokers, commission agents, weighmen, and other persons practicing their calling therein.

20. Private Markets.

No private markets for the sale of articles of food or drink or for the sale of animals shall be established or maintained within the Local Area, except under a licence granted by the Corporation, Municipal Committee or, as the case may be, Town Committee and in conformity with the conditions of such licence.

21. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 20, the owner of every private market within the Local Area for the sale of articles of food or drink or for the sale of

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animals, maintained immediately before the coming into force of this Act, shall within three months apply for a licence to the Council concerned and until the licence is granted shall continue to maintain the same.

22. If Government is satisfied that in public interest any private market should be discontinued or taken over by the Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee it may direct that the market should be discontinued, or rights or interest thereto should be acquired the market shall be discontinued, taken over by the Council concerned subject to the payment of such compensation as would have been payable if the market had been acquired under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (Act I of 1894).

23. The Council concerned may by notice require the owner of any private market to construct such works provide such convenience and make such arrangements for the maintenance of the market, and within such period as may be specified in the notice.

ANIMALS

24. Animal Husbandry.

(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, and if so required by Government, shall, provide for the establishment and maintenance of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries and by bye-laws regulate their working and fix the fees to be charged for treatment in such Hospitals and Dispensaries.

(2) The Council concerned may, subject to the provisions of any other law for the time being in force, by bye-laws define contagious diseases among animals and provide for measures that shall be adopted for prevention of the spread of such diseases, including the compulsory inoculation or subjection to such treatment as may be necessary of animals as may be suspected to have been infected with carriers of any such disease.

25. Stray Animals.

(1) A Corporation Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, by bye-laws provide for the seizure, detention and impounding of animals found straying in any street, public place or cultivated land.

(2) The Council concerned may, and if so required by Government, shall in accordance with the bye-laws establish and maintain cattle pounds for the impounding of cattle and charge fines and fees therefore.

(3) No animal shall be picketed or tethered in such streets or places as may be specified by the Council concerned and any animal found picketed or tethered in any such street or place shall be liable to seizure and impounding.

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26. Animal Homes and Farms.

(1) A Corporation Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, with the previous approval of Government, establish and maintain Animal Homes, where, subject to such terms and conditions and on payment of such fees and other charges, as the bye-laws may provide, the animals of private persons may be kept.

(2) Registration of the sale of cattle. The Council concerned may, with the previous approval of Government, establish and maintain Cattle Farms and Poultry Farms, and such farms shall be managed and administered in such manner as the bye-laws may provide.

27. Livestock improvement.

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may by bye-laws require that every sale of such animals as may be specified shall be registered with the Council concerned in such manner and subject to the payment of such fees, as the bye-laws may provide.

28. Dangerous animals.

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, with the previous approval of Government, frame and execute a livestock scheme, which may, among other matters, provide that no person shall keep such animals above such age as may be specified, unless they are castrated or are certified by competent Authority to be fit for breeding.

29. A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may by bye-laws define the animals which shall be deemed to be dangerous animals and the circumstances under which animals not otherwise dangerous shall be deemed to be dangerous and such bye-law may, among other matters provide for the detention, destruction or disposal otherwise of such animals.

30. Cattle Shows, Zoo etc.

(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may hold cattle shows and fairs within the limits of the Local Area and charge such fees from the people attending such shows or fairs as the bye-laws may provide.

(2) The Council concerned may, with the previous approval of Government, maintain or contribute towards the maintenance of Zoological Gardens.

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31. Disposal of Carcasses.

Whenever an animal in the charge of a person dies, otherwise, than by being slaughtered for sale or consumption, or for some religious or other purpose, such person shall either-

- (a) convey the carcass within twenty-four hours to a place, if any, fixed by the Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee for the disposal of the dead bodies of animals, or to a place at least one mile beyond the limits of the Local Area.
- (b) give notice of the death to the Council concerned whereupon the Council shall cause the carcass to be disposed of and charge such fees from the person concerned as the bye-laws may provide.

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STREETS

38. Public Streets.

(1) The Council concerned shall, in the prescribed manner, prepare and execute road maintenance and development programme which shall form part of the budget, and Government may alter or amend the programme in such manner as it considers necessary.

39. Streets.

(1) All streets other than public streets shall be maintained in such manner as the bye-laws may provide.

(2) The Council concerned may by notice require that any street may be paved, metalled, drained, channelled, improved or lighted in such manner as may be specified in the notice, and in the event of default, the Council concerned may have the necessary work done through its agency and the cost incurred thereon

¹ The heading "TOWN PLANNING and entries 32 to 37" omitted by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.28.

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shall be deemed to be a tax, levied on the persons concerned under this Act and be recovered accordingly.

(3) Government may prescribe the manner in which a street other than a public street may be converted into a public street.

40. General Provision about Streets.

(1) The Council concerned may, in the manner provided in the bye-laws, lay down street lines and building lines, and may, among other things, require the setting back of any building to conform to such street lines and building lines.

(2) The Council concerned may by bye-laws define nuisances and offences with regard to streets, and provide for their prevention and abatement.

41. Street light.

(1) The Council concerned may, with the previous sanction of Government frame and enforce street lighting scheme in the prescribed manner.

42. Street Watering.

A Corporation Municipal Committee or Town Committee may take such measures as may be necessary for the watering of public streets for the comfort and convenience of the public, and may, for the purpose, maintain such vehicles, staff, and other apparatus as may be necessary.

43. Traffic Planning

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may by bye-laws make arrangements for smooth flow of traffic and regulation of traffic as may be necessary to prevent danger to and ensure the safety, convenience and comfort of the public.

Provided that control and regulation of traffic shall remain vested with traffic police.

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44. Public vehicle.

(1) No horse or other animal shall be used for drawing a public vehicle within the Local Area except under a licence granted by the Council concerned and in conformity with the conditions of such licence.

(2) The Council concerned shall in such manner as bye-laws may provide, and with the previous approval of Government, fix the fares for the use of public vehicles, and no person plying a public vehicle shall charge a fare in excess thereof.

Explanation:- In this paragraph, a "public vehicle" means any vehicle which ordinarily plies for hire.

PUBLIC SAFETY

45. Fire Fighting.

(1) For the prevention and extinction of fire a Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may , and if so required by Government, shall maintain a fire brigade, consisting of such staff and such number of fire stations, and such implements, machinery, equipment and means of communicating intelligence as may be prescribed.

(2) On the occurrence of a fire within the Local Area, any Magistrate or any official of a fire brigade directing the operations or any Police Officer not below the rank of Sub Inspector, may-

- (a) remove or order the removal of any person who by his presence interferes or impedes the operations for extinguishing the fire or for saving life and property;
- (b) close any street or passage in or near which any fire is burning;
- (c) for the purpose of extinguishing the fire, break into or through, or pull down, or use or cause to be broken into or through, or pulled

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down, or used any premises for the passage of houses or other appliances, and any damage or loss suffered thereby by the owner or occupier of the premises shall, subject to the provisions of clause (4), be compensated by the Council concerned by reasonable repairs of the premises;

- (d) cause mains and pipes to be shut off so as to give greater pressure of water in or near the place where the fire has occurred;
- (e) call on the persons in charge of any fire engine to render such assistance as may be possible; and
- (f) generally take such measures as may appear necessary for the preservation of life and property.

(3) No person shall be liable to pay damages in respect of anything done or in good faith intended to be done under this paragraph.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (3) or of any other law, or the terms of any insurance policy, any damage done in the exercise of a power conferred, or in the discharge of a duty imposed by this paragraph shall be deemed to be damage by fire for the purposes of any policy of insurance against fire.

46. Civil Defense.

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee shall be responsible for the civil defense of the Local Area, and it shall in this behalf, perform such functions as may be prescribed.

47. Floods.

For the fighting of floods, rescuing of people from flood-affected areas, and affording relief to flood-stricken people, a Corporation or Municipal Committee or Town Committee may and if so, required by Government, shall provide such boats, appliances and equipment as it deems necessary or as may be specified by Government.

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48. Famine.

In the event of a famine, a Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, with the sanction of Government, execute such famine works and undertake such famine relief measures as may be necessary or may be specified by Government.

49. Dangerous and Offensive Articles and Trades.

(1) Government may by rule define the articles and trades which shall be deemed to be dangerous or offensive for the purpose of this paragraph.

(2) Except under and in conformity with the conditions of a licence granted by the Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee—

- (a) no person shall carry on any dangerous or offensive trade;
- (b) no premises shall be used or suffered to be used for any dangerous or offensive trade; and
- (c) no person shall store or keep in any premises;
 - (i) any dangerous or offensive article except for domestic use; or
 - (ii) any dangerous or offensive article excess of such limit as may be fixed by rules.

(3) The Council concerned may, with the previous sanction of Government, prepare and enforce a scheme providing for the prohibition of dangerous and offensive trade in any specified part of the Local Area, and for the restriction of such trades another part of such area.

(4) In case of contravention of clause (2) any officer not below the rank of Assistant Health Officer authorized by the Council concerned may seize the dangerous and offensive article, and seal the premises where such article is found;

Provided that the seized article which is of perishable nature

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may be disposed in such manner as deemed fit;

Provided further that as soon as possible after the seizure of the article but not later than forty-eight hours therefrom, a case shall be registered in a Court of competent jurisdiction which may confirm, modify or set aside the action taken by the officer.

(5) No electricity, gas or water connection shall be provided to any premises for a dangerous and offensive trade, unless a licence for carrying on such trade at such premises is granted by the Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee, as the case may be, and in case any such licence is revoked, the electricity, gas or water connection shall, on receipt of the intimation of revocation of licence be discontinued by the concerted authorities.

50. Burial and Cremation Places etc.

(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, and if so required by Government, shall provide suitable places for the burial and burning of the dead, and shall take necessary measures for the proper maintenance and administration of such burial and cremation places etc.

(2) Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare that any burial or burning place which is open to public for burial or burning shall vest in the Council concerned, and thereupon such burial or burning place shall vest in the Council and the Council shall take all measures necessary for the proper maintenance and administration thereof.

(3) Every burial or burning place which is not administered by the Council shall be registered with the Council and shall be subject to regulation, supervision and inspection by the Council in such manner as the bye-laws may provide.

(4) No new burial or burning place shall be established within a Local Area, except under a license granted by the Council concerned and in conformity with the conditions of such license.

TREES, PARKS, GARDENS AND FORESTS

51. Arboriculture.

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(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may plant trees on public streets and other public places within the Local Area and take all such steps as may be necessary for the plantation and protection of trees on such streets and places.

(2) The Council concerned may in the prescribed manner and with the previous sanction of Government, frame and enforce and arboriculture plan.

52. Gardens.

¹[(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, and if so required by Government, shall lay out and maintain within the Local Area such public gardens as may be necessary for the recreation and convenience of the public, either on their own or through public private partnership or adoption by neighborhood associations and reputed national or multi-national corporations and such public gardens shall be maintained and administered in such manner as the rules may provide.]

(2) For every public Garden, there shall be framed and enforced, in the prescribed manner, a Garden Development Plan, which shall provide for the development and improvement of the garden.

53. Open spaces.

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may provide and maintain within the Local Area such open spaces as may be necessary for the convenience of the public, and such spaces shall be grassed, hedged, planted and equipped with such amenities and in such manner as the by-laws may provide.

54. Forests and Nurseries .

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, in the prescribed manner, frame and enforce aforestation plans providing for the improvement, development and exploitation of forests, nurseries and plants, and shall maintain and work forests in accordance with such plans.

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. XXII of 2016, Dt-28th Jun, 2016, s.4.

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55. Nuisances Pertaining to Trees and Plants.

(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, by bye-laws specify the pests which destroy or cause damage to trees and plants and provide for their destruction.

(2) If any land or premises within the Local Area is grown or being grown with rank or noxious vegetation, the Council concerned may by notice require the owner or occupier of such land or premises to clear such vegetation within the specified time, and if he fails to do so within such time the Council may have such vegetation cleared and the cost incurred therefor shall be deemed to be a tax levied on the owner or occupier under this Act and be recovered accordingly.

(3) The Council concerned may, in the manner provided in the bye-laws, require the felling of any tree which is dangerous, or the trimming of the branches of any tree which overhang and are likely to interfere with traffic or are otherwise inconvenient.

(4) The Council concerned may, in the manner provided in the bye-laws, prohibit the cultivation of any crop which is considered dangerous to public health within such part of the local area as may, be specified.

56. Tanks and Low Lying Areas.

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, and if so required by Government, shall take such steps with regard to the excavation, and re-excavation of tanks and the rehabilitation of low lying areas as it thinks fit, or as are required by Government.

EDUCATION

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CULTURE

60. Culture.

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, and if so required by Government shall

¹ Entries 57, 58 and 59 omitted by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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- (a) establish and maintain information centers for the furtherance of civil education and dissemination of information on such matters as community development or matters of public interest;
- (b) maintain social media centres at public institutions and public places;
- (c) organize museums, exhibitions, and art galleries;
- (d) provide and maintain public halls and community centers;
- (e) celebrate the Holy Prophet's Birthday, Pakistan Day, Quaid-e-Azam's Birthday, and other national holidays;
- (f) provide for the reception of distinguished visitors visiting the Council concerned;
- (g) encourage national and regional languages;
- (h) promote physical culture, and encourage public games and organize rallies and tournaments;
- (i) promote tours to the Council concerned and adopt measures for the preservation of the historical and indigenous characteristics of the Local Area;
- (j) provide or promote subsidized facilities for the recreation of the public; and
- (k) adopt any other measures likely to promote cultural values, mutual tolerance and interfaith harmony.

61. Libraries.

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, and if so required by Government, shall establish and maintain such public libraries, reading rooms and digital libraries as may be necessary for the use of the public.

62. Fairs and Shows, etc.

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(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee shall, with the previous approval of Government, make such arrangements on the occasion of any fairs, shows or public festivals within the Local Area as may be necessary for the public health, public safety, public convenience, entertainment and may levy fees on the persons attending such fairs and shows.

SOCIAL WELFARE

63. A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, and if so required by Government, shall-

- (a) establish, manage and maintain welfare homes, asylums, orphanages, widow and shelter homes and other institutions for the relief of the distressed;
- (b) provide for the burial or cremation paupers found dead within the Local Area at its own expense;
- (c) adopt such measures as may be prescribed for the prevention of beggary, prostitution, gambling, taking of injurious drugs and consumption of alcoholic liquor, juvenile delinquency and other social evils;
- (d) organize social service volunteers;
- (e) adopt such measures as may be prescribed for the promotion of the welfare of backward classes, and destitute women and children; and
- (f) adopt any other measures likely to promote social welfare.

DEVELOPMENT

64. Development Plans.

(1) A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, and if so required by Government shall, prepare and implement development plans for such periods and in such manner as may be specified.

(2) Such plans shall be subject to the sanction of the prescribed authority, and shall provide for-

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- (a) the promotion, improvement and development of such function or functions of the Council concerned as may be specified;
- (b) the manner in which the plan shall be financed, executed, implemented and supervised;
- (c) the agency through which the plan shall be executed, and implemented; and
- (d) such other matters as may be necessary.

(3) Government may direct any specified items of income to be earmarked and applied in the implementation of a Development Plan.

65. Community Development Projects.

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, in the prescribed manner sponsor or promote Community Development Projects for the Local Area or any part thereof and may in this behalf perform such functions as may be prescribed.

66. Commercial Schemes.

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may, in the prescribed manner, and with previous sanction of Government promote, administer execute and implement schemes for undertaking any commercial or business enterprise.

67. Miscellaneous Functions.

A Corporation, Municipal Committee or Town Committee may-

- (a) prepare and implement land development and improvement schemes of land owned by respective councils;
- (b) development of public housing schemes;
- (c) plan preservation of landscape and flood control;
- (d) undertake construction and maintenance of religious places;
- (e) provision of training to professional divers and lifeguards; and

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- (f) provide assistance in disasters and emergencies.

SCHEDULE - III
(See Section 72)

FUNCTIONS OF DISTRICT COUNCILS

PART - I

COMPULSORY FUNCTIONS

1. Aggregation of the financial allocations and physical programmes and targets received from the Provincial Governments in different sectors and to draw up a District Development Programme. In this work the Council will take into Account Federal Projects, their allocations and the physical targets falling in or Benefiting Districts. (Generally, the organization may develop and take on complete planning functions).
2. To make proposals, if necessary to the Provincial Planning and Development Departments for modifications in the aggregate District Programme after identifying the (a) gaps (b) internal inconsistencies, (c) compatibility of the programme with the capacity available in the District for implementation, maintenance and supervision and (d) evaluating it in the light of local priorities.
3. To discharge the overall responsibility for the identification of projects and appraisal and approval of projects prepared and to be constructed by Union Councils in the following sub-section:-

Primary, Middle and Secondary Schools

Rural Health Centers

Basic Health Units

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Family Welfare Clinics

Piped Water Supply

Potable Water Storage Tanks

Hand Pumps

Sanitation

Rural Roads

4. To supplement the programme of the District derived from the Provincial Development Programme with-
 - (a) Voluntary Resources; Labour, Land and cash contributions;
 - (b) Taxes; on property, consumption and other sources identified by the community (except on trade).
 - (c) Fees and charges for the use of utility services provided by the Council such as water supply, sanitation, etc.
5. Disbursement of ADP funds for the approved projects (placed at the disposal of District Council by the Provincial Government) to various Union Councils.
6. To arrange the procurement and distribution of locally made equipment and material for HealthCenters and Schools.
7. To take appropriate measures for the development of skills, Crafts and Cottage Industries. (Development of skills would include promotion of Industrial Homes, domestic and cottage level crafts and trades, modest repairs of agricultural and other machinery and training of rural labour.
8. To review the implementation of the District Development Programme (as an extension of the function of P&D Department and as their agent) by holding review meetings within the District as well as through periodic inspections and progress reports from the Council.
9. To submit to the Planning and Development Department regular progress reports on the implementation or development projects at different levels within the District.

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10. To monitor the supply of agricultural inputs and to make appropriate recommendations to the concerned authorities.
11. To formulate Union Development Programmes derived from the District Development Programme in consultation with the respective Union Councils and to review periodically its implementation.
12. Disseminate information about the projects and allocations of funds for the District Development Programmes throughout the District to keep the people fully informed about the projects to be executed in the District. This will not only mobilize the interest of the people in the development work for the District but also make them more watchful about the use of development funds by the Government functionaries thus leading ultimately to better community supervisions.
13. Provision and maintenance of public Libraries and Reading Rooms.
14. To promote adult education.
15. Provision and maintenance of their respective Hospitals and Dispensaries including Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries.
16. Provision, maintenance and improvement of public roads, culverts and bridges.
17. Plantation and preservation of trees on road sides and public places.
18. Provision and maintenance of Public Gardens, Public Playgrounds and Public Places.
19. Maintenance and regulation of Public Ferries other than those maintained by Government Departments.
20. Maintenance and regulation of Cattle Pounds.
21. Provision and maintenance of Serais, Dak Bungalows, Zailghars, Rest Houses and other buildings for the convenience of Travelers.
22. Prevention, regulation and removal of encroachments.
23. Prevention and abatement of nuisances.
24. Holding of fairs and shows.

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25. Promotion of public games and sports.
26. Celebration of public festivals.
27. Promotion of sanitation and Public Health.
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30. Protection of foodstuffs and prevention of adulteration.
31. Permission to organize Cattle Piri (Mall Piri).
32. Provision of water supply, construction, repair and maintenance of water work and other sources of water supply.
33. Adoption of appropriate measures, on its own, or behalf of the Zila Council for the development of rural skills, crafts and cottage industries.
34. Adoption of measures for increased agricultural production.
35. Regulation of traffic; licensing of vehicles other than motor vehicles and the establishment and maintenance of public stands for vehicles.
36. Improvement of the breeding of cattle, horses and other animals and the prevention of cruelty to animals.
37. Relief measures in the event of any fire, hailstorm, earthquake, famine, or other natural calamity and disasters.
38. Co-operation with other organizations engaged in activities similar to those of the District Councils.
39. Promote tolerance and interfaith harmony.
40. Any other functions that may be directed by Government to be undertaken by District Council either generally or by a particular District Council.
41. Promotion of social, civic and patriotic virtues among the people and discouraging of parochial, racial, tribal, sectarian and provincial prejudices.

¹ Serial number 28 and 29 omitted by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

42. Providing protection against stray animals and animal trespass, and establishing cattle pounds; and
43. Regulation or prohibition of the establishment of brick kilns, potteries and other kilns within the residential areas;

OPTIONAL FUNCTIONS

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26. Establishment, management and maintenance of Welfare Homes, Asylums, Orphanages, Widow and Shelter Homes and other Institutions for the relief of the distressed.
27. Burial and cremation of paupers found dead within the Local Area.
28. Prevention of beggary, prostitution, gambling, taking of injurious drugs and consumption of alcoholic liquor, juvenile delinquency and other social evils.
29. Organization of social service volunteers.
30. Organization of Legal Aid for the poor.
31. Adoption of measures for the promotion of the welfare of women, backward classes and destitute children.
32. Adoption of measures for the settlement of disputes by conciliation and arbitration.

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33. Any other measures likely to promote social welfare.

(c) Economic Welfare.

- 34. Establishment and maintenance of Model Agricultural Farms.
- 35. Popularization of improved methods of agriculture maintenance of improved agricultural implements and the lending of such implements to cultivators and adoption of measures for bringing waste lands under cultivation.
- 36. Maintenance of crop statistics, protection of crops, the lending of seeds for sowing purposes, distribution of fertilizers and the popularization of their use and the maintenance of fodder reserves.
- 37. Promotion of Agricultural Credit; Agricultural Education; and adoption of other measures likely to promote Agricultural Development.
- 38. Construction and repair of embankments, supply, storage and control of water for agricultural purposes.
- 39. Preservation and reclamation of soil and the drainage and reclamation of swamps.
- 40. Management, protection and maintenance of village forests.
- 41. Provision, regulation and maintenance of markets.
- 42. Provision of facilities for the procurement of raw materials and the marketing of products of village industries.
- 43. Establishment, maintenance and management of Industrial School and the training of labourers in Village Industries.
- 44. Adoption of other measures likely to promote the development of Village Industries.
- 45. Organization, maintenance and management of village stores and Godawns.
- 46. Popularization of the co-operative movement and the promotion of education in co-operation.

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47. Any other measures likely to promote economic welfare.

(d) Public Health.

48. Education and awareness in public health.

49. Framing and implementation of schemes for anti-malaria, water born diseases including dengue, and prevention and control of infectious diseases.

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57. Measures to alleviate diseases of animals and birds, and the prevention and control of contagious diseases among birds and animals.

58. Preservation of cattle health.

59. Provision, maintenance and improvement of pastures and grazing grounds.

60. Regulation of milk supply, establishment of milk colonies, and provision, and regulation of sanitary stables.

61. Establishment and maintenance of Cattle Farms and Dairies.

62. Establishment and maintenance of Poultry Farms.

63. Preservation and protection of endangered species.

64. Any other measures, likely to promote Public Health, Animal Husbandry and Welfare of Birds.

(e) Public Work.

65. Improvement of the means of communications.

66. Drainage water supply, pavement of streets and other works of public utility.

67. Framing and execution of Village Plans, Village Improvement Schemes, Town Planning Schemes and Regional Planning Schemes.

68. Maintenance of maps for Local Areas.

¹ Serial No 50 to 56 under clause (d), omitted by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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69. Construction, management and maintenance of such other works of public utility not specified elsewhere as may be required for fulfilling any obligation imposed by or under this Act or any other law for the time being in force.

(f) General.

70. Construction and maintenance of mosques, Imam Barghs and places of worships.

¹ [**Part-III**
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Registration of birth, death and marriages subject to any other law for the time being in force, within the local area and providing information of such births, deaths and marriages in the manner to be provided by the bye-laws.]

SCHEDULE - IV

²[FUNCTIONS OF UNION COUNCILS AND UNION COMMITTEES]

(See Section 72)

- (1) To act as construction agency for the following sub- sectors:-

Primary, Middle and Secondary Schools;

Rural Health Centres;

Family Welfare Clinics;

Basic Health Units;

¹ New Part III in Schedule III added by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

² Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.29, for heading "Functions of Union Councils"

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Piped Water Supply;

Potable Water/Storage Tanks/Tube-wells, and Wells ;

Hand Pumps;

Sanitation;

Rural Roads;

In pursuance of the above, the Union Councils shall be responsible for site selection, project preparation, land acquisition where necessary, construction and maintenance of new buildings as well as the maintenance of already completed projects.

(2) To raise local resources through-

- (a) Voluntary resources; labour, land and cash contribution.
- (b) Taxes; property, consumption and other sources identified by the community (except on trade).
- (c) Fees and charges for the use of utility services provided by the Councils such as water supply, sanitation, etc.

(3) Procurement and distribution of equipment and materials for HealthCenters, and Schools.

(4) Take appropriate measures, on its own or on behalf of the District Council, for the development of rural skills, crafts and cottage industry.

(5) Monitor the implementation of development projects of line departments by regular review meetings, inspections and review of periodic progress reports and to take appropriate action within the sphere of their jurisdiction.

(6) Make recommendations about the location of various facilities to the District Council.

(7) Identify gaps in various sectors (e.g. non-availability of teachers and medicines in the schools and dispensaries) for the provision of facilities in the Union Area and to take steps within the available sources and in accordance with priorities laid down by District Council.

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(8) Keep a watch over the actual supplies and delivery of various agricultural and service inputs within the Union Area and to report any inadequacies to the supplies Organization/District Council.

(9) Widely circulate information on the projects, allocations and physical programmes to be executed by various line departments and the Union Councils within the Union Area to enlist the voluntary financial and material support to the Local Development Programmes and to stimulate better community supervision.

(10) To encourage and to facilitate the formation of associations for collective use and collection of charges for services such as electric supply and water course management, co-operative tubewell development, co-operative for input supplies and output marketing, water-course management, etc.

(11) Provision and maintenance of public ways and public streets.

(12) Provision and maintenance of EidGahs, public open spaces, public gardens and public playgrounds, common meeting places and other common property.

(13) Lighting of public ways, public streets and public places.

(14) Plantation and preservation of trees in general, and plantation and preservation of trees on public ways, public streets and public places in particular.

(15) Management and maintenance of graveyards, shamilats and cremations and burial grounds.

(16) Provision and maintenance of accommodation for travelers.

(17) Prevention and regulation of encroachments on public ways, public streets and public places.

(18) Prevention and abatement of nuisances in public ways, public streets and public places.

(19) Sanitation, conservancy, and the adoption of other measures for the cleanliness of the Union.

(20) Regulation of collection, removal and disposal of manure and street sweepings.

(21) Regulation of offensive and dangerous trades.

(22) Regulation of the disposal of carcasses of dead animals.

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- (23) Regulation of the slaughter of animals.
- (24) Regulation of the erection and re-erection of buildings in the Union.
- (25) Regulation of dangerous buildings and structures.
- (26) Provision and maintenance of wells, water pumps, tanks, ponds, and other works for the supply of water.
- (27) Adoption of measures for preventing the contamination of the sources of water supply for drinking.
- (28) Prohibition of the use of the water of wells, ponds, and other sources of water supply suspected to be dangerous to Public Health.
- (29) Regulation or prohibition of the watering of cattle, bathing or washing at or near wells, ponds or other sources of water reserved for drinking purposes.
- (30) Regulation or prohibition of the steeping of hemp jute or other plants in or near ponds or other sources of water supply.
- (31) Regulation or prohibition of dying or tanning of skins within residential areas.
- (32) Regulation or prohibition of the excavation of earth, stones or other material within residential areas.
- (33) Regulation or prohibition of the establishment of brick kilns, potteries and other kilns within residential areas.
- (34) Registration and computerization of data regarding births and deaths, marriages and divorces and the maintenance of such vital statistics as may be prescribed.
- (35) Holding of fairs and shows.
- (36) Celebration of public festivals.
- (37) Provision of relief measures in the event of any fire, flood, hailstorm earthquake or other natural calamity and disasters.
- (38) Relief for the widows and orphans and the poor, and persons in distress.

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- (39) Promotion of public games and sports.
- (40) Agricultural, industrial and community development of co-operative movement, village industries, forests, livestock and fisheries.
- (41) Adoption of measures for increased food production.
- (42) Provision of First-Aid Centers.
- (43) Provision of libraries and reading rooms.
- (44) Co-operation with other organization engaged in activities similar to those of the Union Council.
- (45) Providing protection against stray animals and animal trespass, and establishing cattle pounds; and
- (46) regulation or prohibition of the establishment of brick kilns, potteries and other kilns within the residential areas;
- (47) Any other measures likely to promote the welfare, health, safety, comfort or convenience of the inhabitants of the Union or of visitors.
- ¹[(48) Registration of birth, death and marriages subject to any other law for the time being in force, within the local area and providing information of such births, deaths and marriages in the manner to be provided by the bye-laws].

¹ New entry (48) in Schedule-IV added by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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SCHEDULE - V

¹[(See Section 96)]

TAXES, RATES, TOLLS AND FEES WHICH MAY BE LEVIED BY THE KARACHI METROPOLITAN CORPORATION, CORPORATIONS, MUNICIPALITIES AND DISTRICT COUNCILS.

PART - I

**TAXES, RATES, TOLLS AND FEES TO BE LEVIED BY
KARACHI METROPOLITAN CORPORATION ²[MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS]**

1. Fire Tax.
2. Conservancy Tax.
3. Drainage Tax.
4. Fees for slaughtering of Animals.
5. Fee on conversion of land use all over the City.
6. Fee on licences / sanctions / permits granted by KMC.
7. Market fee on land owned by KMC
8. Tolls on roads and bridges owned and maintained by KMC
9. Charged Parking on the roads maintained by KMC
10. BTS Towers
11. Entertainment Tax
- ²[12. Advertisement tax from roads, bridges, underpasses etc, being maintained by the Metropolitan Corporation.
13. Fire and building safety inspection fees.
14. Tax on marriage halls/clubs.
15. Cess on any taxes levied by the Government.]

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.30, for words and figures" see section 103".

² The words ins and subs entries 12,13 by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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PART - II

TAXES, RATES, TOLLS AND FEES WHICH MAY BE LEVIED BY ¹[TOWN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES AND TOWN COMMITTEES]

1. Property Tax as may be determined by the Government
2. Tax on the transfer of immovable property.
3. Tolls on road and bridges and ferries owned and maintained by Council.
4. Tax on professions, trades and callings.
5. Fee on births, marriages, adoptions and feasts.
6. Advertisements including hoarding and billboard.
7. Animals.
8. Tax on cinemas, dramatic and theatrical shows and other entertainments and amusements as may be determined by Government.
9. Tax on vehicles, other than motor vehicles and boats.
10. Street lighting Rate and Fire Rate.
11. Conservancy Rate.
12. Rate for the execution of any work of Public Utility.
13. Rate for the provision of water works or the supply of water.
14. Cess on any of the taxes levied by Government.
- ¹ 15. * *
16. Fees for benefits derived from any works of public utility maintained by the Council.

¹ Subs and Entry 15 omitted by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021

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17. Fees at fairs, agricultural shows, industrial exhibitions, tournaments and other public gatherings.
18. Fees for Markets
19. Fees for licences sanctions and permits granted by the Council.
20. Fees for specific services rendered by the Council.
21. Fees for the slaughtering of Animals.
22. Parking Fee on roads.
23. Any other fee leviable under any of the provisions of this Act.
24. Any other tax which is levied by Government.

PART - III
TAXES, RATES, TOLLS AND FEES TO BE LEVIED BY
DISTRICT COUNCILS AND UNION COUNCILS

1. Tax on the annual value of buildings and lands.
2. Tax on lands not subject to local rate.
3. Tax on the transfer of immovable property
4. Tax on professions trades and callings.
5. Fee for registration and certificates of birth and death, marriages and divorces.
6. Advertisements including bill board and hoarding as determined by Government.
7. Cinemas, dramatic and theatrical shows, and other entertainments and amusements.
8. Animals.
9. Vehicles (other than motor vehicles but including carts bi-cycles and all kinds of boats).
10. Tolls on roads, bridges and ferries.

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11. Street Lighting Rate.
12. Drainage Rate.
13. Rate for the execution of any works of Public Utility.
14. Conservancy Rate.
15. Rate for the provision of water works or the supply of water.
16. Fees on application for the erection and re-erection of building.
17. Schools fees in respect of schools established or maintained by the Council.
18. Fee for the use of benefits derived from any works of public utility maintained by the Council.
19. Fees at fairs, agricultural shows, industrial exhibitions, tournaments and other public gatherings.
20. Fees for Markets.
21. Fees for licences, sanctions and permits granted by the Council.
22. Fees for specific services rendered by the Council.
23. Fees for the slaughtering of Animals.
24. Parking Fee
25. Fee on BTSTower
26. Surface minerals
27. Fisheries
28. Any other Tax which is levied by Government.

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SCHEDULE – VI

¹[(*See Section 132*)]

(A)OFFENCES UNDER THE ACT

PART - I

1. Keeping or maintaining any cattle in any part of the Local Area or failure to remove them in contravention of the Act and rules and bye-laws thereunder from the prohibited zone within the specified time when an order to this effect has been made.
2. Tampering with any road, drain, pavement, main pipe, meter or any apparatus or appliance for the supply of water.
3. Exhibiting any obscene advertisement.
4. Dyeing or tanning skins within such distance of the residential area as may be specified by the Council.
5. Establishing a brick kiln, lime kiln, charcoal kiln, or pottery within such distance of the residential area as may be specified by the Council.
6. Failure by the owner or occupier of any land to clear away and remove any thick vegetation or undergrowth declared by a Council to be injurious to health or offensive to the neighbourhood.
7. Without the permission of the Council, causing or knowingly or negligently allowing the contents of any sink, sewer or cesspool or any other offensive matter to flow or drain to be put upon any street, or public place or into any irrigation channel or any sewer or drain not set apart for the purpose.
8. Laying out a drain or altering any drain in a street without the sanction required under this Act.
9. Connecting any house drain with a drain in a public street without the permission required under this Act.
10. Disposing of carcasses of animals within prohibited distance and removal of the fat from a dead animals other than a slaughtered animal.

¹ Subs. by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd Nov, 2013, s.31, for words and figures" see section 139".

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11. Slaughtering of animals except in accordance with this Act or rules or bye-laws.
12. Burying or burning a dead body at a place which is not public or registered burial or burning place, except with the sanction of the Council.
13. Failure to furnish on requisition, information in respect of any matter which a Council is authorized to call for under this Act or the rules or bye-laws or furnishing wrong information.
14. Picketing parking animals or collecting carts or vehicles on any street or using any street as a halting place for vehicles or animals or as a place of encampment without the permission of the Council.
15. Causing or permitting animals to stray or keeping tethering, stalling, feeding or grazing any cattle on any road, street or thoroughfare or in any Public Place or damaging or causing or permitting to be damaged any road, street or thoroughfare or in any Public Place or damaging or causing or permitting to be damaged any road, street, street or thoroughfare by allowing cattle to move thereon.
16. Throwing or placing any refuse on any street, or in any place, not provided or appointed for the purpose by a Council.
17. Watering cattle or animals, or bathing or washing at or near a well or other source of drinking water for the public.
18. Steeping hemp, jute or any other plant in or near a pond or any other excavation within such distance or the residential area as may be specified by a Council.
19. Failure to provide, close, remove, alter, repair, clean, disinfect or put in proper order any latrine, urinal, drain, cesspool or other receptacle for filth, sullage, water or refuse when so required by a Council.
20. Failure by the owner or occupier of any land to cut or trim the hedges growing thereon which overhang any well, tank or other source from which water is derived for public use.
21. Failure or an owner or occupier of any building or land to put up and keep in good condition troughs and pipes for receiving or carrying water or sullage water.

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22. Feeding or allowing to be fed any animal meant for dairy or food purposes on deleterious filth or refuse of any kind.
23. Defacing or disturbing any direction post, lamp post or lamp, or extinguishing any light arranged by a Council without due Authority.
24. Fixing any bill, notice, placard or other paper or means of advertisement against or upon building or place other than the places fixed for the purpose by a Council.
25. Writings or paintings any objectionable, abusive, provocative slogans or words on a building.
26. Failure to remove or erase bills, notices, playcards, papers, writings, paintings by the owners or occupiers of the building.
27. playing of music or radio, beating a drum or tom-tom, blowing a horn or trumpet or beating or sounding any brass or other instrument or utensil in contravention of any general or special prohibition issued by a Council.
28. Failure to lime-wash or repair a building if so required by a Council.
29. Failure by the owner or occupier of a building to make adequate arrangement for house scavenging when so required by a Council.
30. Failure of the head of the family to report the birth or death to a Council or a person appointed in this behalf within a reasonable time.
31. Any owner or keeper of an animal who through neglect or otherwise damages or causes or permits to be damaged any land or crop or produce of land, or any public road by allowing such animals to trespass thereon.
32. Releasing, purchasing or delivering animals contrary to the provision of this Act of omitting to provide any impounded animal with sufficient food and water by the pond keeper.
33. Doing of any other act which is prescribed as an offence under this Act.
34. Contravening any provisions of this Act, rules or bye-laws, or any order, direction, notice or declaration made or issued thereunder.

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35. Overcharging or illegally charging any tax, fee, fine, charge or rate by an employee of a local government or a contractor or his staff without the authority of a local government.
36. Preparing or using counterfeit or proscribed Forms of the local government.
37. Wilfully obstructing any officer or servant of a local government or any person authorized to exercise power conferred under this Act.
38. Failure to deliver back possession of property to the local government on cancellation and expiration of lease.
39. Doing an act without license or permission when the doing of such act requires a license or permission under any of the provisions of the Act or the rules or bye-laws.
40. Evasion of payment of tax or other impost lawfully levied by a local government.
41. Contravention of the prohibition or attempt or abetment of any of the offences in this Part.
42. Violation of the prohibitions provided in the Master Plan, the sanctioned Site Development Schemes under this Act, Cities Acts, or any other law for the time being in force including the plans and schemes sanctioned under the repealed enactments.
43. Dyeing or tanning skins within such distance of any commercial or residential areas as may be specified by the local government.
44. Manufacturing, keeping, storing or selling wire thread or any other material meant for kite flying or in the manner causing danger to the human life or the electric installations or disruption in electric supply.
45. Establishing any cattle market or bakarmandi without permission of the local government.
46. Establishing any bus, wagon, taxi or other commercial motorized or non-motorized vehicle stand for the purpose of plying them on different routes on any road, street, footpath, public place or any other property vested or managed or controlled or maintained by a local government without its permission.
47. Establishing or running any restaurant or vending stalls for eatables on any road, street, footpath, public place, over a drain, or any other property vesting in or

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managed or controlled or maintained by a local government without its permission.

48. Cutting down of any tree, or erection or demolition of any building or part of a building where such action is declared under this Act to be a cause of danger or annoyance to the public.
49. Attempts and abetments of any of the offences as aforesaid.

PART – II

1. Excavation of earth, stone or any other material within such distance of the residential area as specified by the Council.
2. Doing any act by which water for drinking is rendered unfit for such use.
3. Wilfully or negligently injuring or suffering to be injured, wells, reservoirs, mains pipes or other appliances for the supply of water under the management or control of the Council.
4. Drawing off, diverting or taking any water except with the permission required under this Act.
5. Failure by the owner or occupier of any land or building to clean, repair, cover, fill up or drain off any private well, tank or other source of water supply, which is declared under this Act to be injurious to health or offensive to the neighbourhood.
6. Sale of articles of food or drink by a person suffering from any infectious disease.
7. Letting loose or setting in of ferocious doge or other dangerous animals.
8. Using or allowing the use for human habitation of building declared by a Council to be unfit for human habitation.
9. Begging importunately for alms or exposing or exhibiting with the object or exciting charity any deformity or disease or any offensive sore or wound.
10. Discharging any dangerous chemical, inflammable, hazardous or offensive article in any drain, or sewer, public water course or public land vested in or managed, maintained or controlled by the local government in such manner as causes or is likely to cause danger to persons passing by or living or working in neighbourhood, or risk or injury to property.

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11. Failure of industrial or commercial concerns to provide adequate and safe disposal of affluent or prevention of their mixing up with the water supply or sewerage system.
12. Supplying or marketing drinking water for human consumption in any form, from any source which is contaminated or suspected to be dangerous to public health, or its use has been prohibited by a local government on the ground of being unsafe for human consumption, or whose quality and suitability for human consumption has not been ascertained and certified by a laboratory authorized by the Government.
13. Cultivation of agriculture produce or crop, for supply or sale to public using such manure, or irrigating it with sewer water or any such liquid as may be injurious to public health or offensive to the neighbourhood.
14. Adulteration of any eatable or drinkable or consumable item sold or supplied to the public.
15. Manufacturing, trading, storing or supplying any eatable or drinkable item and other items unsafe for human consumption or public health.
16. Without license from relevant authority manufacturing, storing, trading or carrying fire crackers, fire balloons or detonators or any dangerous chemical, inflammable, hazardous or offensive article or material.
17. Immovable encroachment in or on or under any property or any open space or land vested in or managed, maintained or controlled by a local government.
18. 19. 20. ¹ * * * * *
21. Establishing any parking stand on any property or on any open space and public park or land vested in or managed, maintained or controlled by a local government on or under a street, road, graveyard or a drain without the sanction of the relevant local government.
22. Quarrying, blasting, cutting timber or carrying building operations in such manner as causes or is likely to cause danger to persons passing by or living or working in the neighbourhood.

¹ Entries "18,19,20" omitted by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.31.

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23. Erection or re-erection of a building without the sanction required under this Act or using a building for a purpose which may endanger the security of people.
24. 1 * * * * *
25. Attempts and abetments of any of the offences as aforesaid.

SCHEDULE – VI

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¹ "Entry 24" omitted by the Sindh Act No. LIII of 2013, Dt-2nd nov,2013, s.31.

² "Parts B and C" omitted ibid.

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SCHEDULE - VII

MATTERS RESPECTING WHICH RULES MAY BE MADE

1. Organization and conduct of elections under this Act and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto including bye-election and disposal election petitions.
2. Elections of the Mayor and Chairman.
3. Conduct of business by Councils. Prescription of quorum, asking or questions and other matters.
4. Constitution and functions of Committees and Sub-Committees of Councils, co-option of Members thereon and of business by them.
5. The procedure regulating execution of contracts.
6. Functions of the Board and its Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the Divisional and District Boards.
7. Prescription of the Form of Oath of Office by Members.
8. Recognition of alienation of the property vested in or acquired by Councils.
9. Regulation of the preparation of plans and estimates of works to be executed by Councils.
10. Prescription of records, reports and returns to be maintained, prepared or published by Councils.
11. Constitution and regulation of the Councils Unified Grads.
12. Regulation of matters pertaining to the Servants of Councils.
13. Administration, regulation, custody, investment and operation of Local Fund and Special Funds.
14. Preparation and sanction of budgets and matters relating thereto.
15. Maintenance of Accounts and their Audit.
16. Regulations of the raising and repayment of loans by Councils.

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17. Determination of the property that shall vest in Council.
18. Preparation, regulation, consolidation, sanction and implementation of development plans.
19. Regulation of the Assessment and Collection of the Local Cess.
20. Regulation of the assessment, collection and administration of taxes, rates, tolls and fees, and all matters relating thereto.
21. The manner in which and the Authorities to whom appeal shall lie against the orders of Council.
22. The manner in which the Councils shall be inspected and the powers of Inspecting Officers and Inspection Team.
23. Any other matter required under any of the provisions of this Act to be prescribed.

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SCHEDULE - VIII

MATTERS RESPECTING WHICH BYE-LAWS MAY BE MADE

1. Registration of births and deaths and Marriages.
2. Regulation of sale of Cattle and Animals.
3. Regulation , management and regulation of orphanages, widow homes and other institution of the relief of the poor.
4. Organization of village defence, and adoption of measures for village safety and security.
5. Regulation and management of common property.
6. Regulation of burning and burial grounds.
7. Regulation of the slaughter of animals and construction and maintenance of Slaughter Houses.
8. Detention and destruction of stray dogs.
9. Enforcement of Vaccination.
10. Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases.
11. Prevention of adulteration of food stuffs.
12. Regulation of milk supply.
13. Regulation of stables.
14. Prevention of encroachments.
15. Prevention and abatement of nuisances.
16. Regulation of the erection and re-erection of building.
17. Regulation of dangerous buildings and structures.
18. Management and regulation of public ferries.

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19. Regulation of dangerous and offensive trades.
20. Management and regulation of Cattle Ponds.
21. Regulation of Traffic.
22. Organization and regulation of fairs, show, tournaments and other public gatherings.
23. Enforcement of compulsory education.
24. Specification of purposes for which licences shall be required, and the terms and conditions subject to which licences may be issued.
25. Promotion and furtherance of any of the functions of the Councils, and the carrying of any of the purposes of this Act, not provided for in the rules.

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¹[**SCHEDULE-IX**

**RELATION BETWEEN ELECTED COUNCILS AND PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS WORKING IN
THEIR RESPECTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDRIES.**

- 1. Education:** The Principal of a Primary/Secondary School would submit a quarterly report to the Union Council in a District Council or a Union Committee in case of a Corporation or a Town Committee or a Municipal Committee on overall functioning of such institution. The Council shall deliberate on such reports and send their observations to the head of the concerned institution and a copy to the School Education Department, Government of Sindh.
- 2. Primary Health:** An in-charge of a Public Sector Primary Healthcare institution would submit a quarterly report to the Union Council in a District Council or a Union Committee in case of a Corporation or a Town Committee or a Municipal Committee on overall functioning of the institution. The Council shall deliberate on such reports and send their observations to the head of the concerned institution and a copy to the Health Department, Government of Sindh.
- 3. Secondary Health:** An in-charge of a Public Sector Secondary Healthcare institution would submit a quarterly report to the District Council or the Metropolitan Corporation or Municipal Corporation or a Town Committee or a Municipal Committee on overall functioning of the institution. The Council shall deliberate on such reports and send their observations to the head of the concerned institute and a copy to the Health Department, Government of Sindh.
- 4. Law & Order:** The Senior Superintendent of Police of a District shall coordinate with Chairman or Mayor of the Council for effective functioning of the police as per district policing plan but shall not include administration of the district police, investigation of criminal cases and police functions relating to prosecution, which shall vest with the police.
- 5. Agriculture and Livestock:** The District in-charge of Agriculture and Livestock shall submit quarterly report to the concerned District council, Town Committee, Municipal Committee or Corporation on the situation in general, pest attacks, health of the crop, health of livestock, pandemic/epidemic and actions taken to mitigate such situation. The concerned Council shall

¹ New Schedule-IX added by Sindh Act, No XXXII of 2021 Dated: - 24th December 2021.

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deliberate on such report and assist in dissemination of information to the local population.

- 6. Empowerment of Women:** The Council through its Mayor/Chairman would submit quarterly reports to the Government on challenges faced by women in their area of responsibility and specially highlight the role of female members of the Council in day-to-day business of the Council.
- 7. Religious Affairs & Minority Affairs:** The District in-charge of Religious Affairs and Minorities shall submit quarterly report regarding events and general condition of shrines, dargahs, mosques, churches and all other places of worship in their area of jurisdiction to the Council concerned excluding the Union Council/Committee. The Council shall deliberate on such report and assist in dissemination of information to the local population.
- 8. Sports:** The District in-charge of youth affairs and sports shall submit quarterly report regarding sports events and general condition of sporting facilities to the Council concerned excluding the Union Council/Committee. The Councils shall also submit an annual plan of sports events being planned by such Councils in its area of jurisdiction.
- 9. Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities:** The Council shall take measures for welfare and betterment of persons with disabilities. The Council shall ensure that all development work carried out by such Council is inclusive in nature. Each Council shall also submit quarterly report to the Government on the challenges faced by persons with disabilities in their area of responsibility and especially highlight the role of person with disabilities members of the Council in day-to-day business of the Council.].