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

Dated Lahore, 11th February, 2026

NOTIFICATION

No.SOR(LG)8-8/2025.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 189 of the Punjab Local Government Act 2025 (*LXXX of 2025*), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules:

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Local Government (Delimitation of Union Councils) Rules 2026.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

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

- (a) "Act" means the Punjab Local Government Act 2025 (*LXXX of 2025*);
- (b) "Delimitation Authority" means an authority appointed under rule 7 of the rules;
- (c) "Delimitation Committee" means a committee appointed under rule 5 of the rules;
- (d) "election" means election to a local government;
- (e) "Election Commission" means the Election Commission of Pakistan;
- (f) "Form" means the Form appended to the rules;
- (g) "population" means the population of a local area in accordance with the preceding census provisionally or finally published under the General Statistics (Reorganization) Act, 2011 (*XIV of 2011*), whichever is later;
- (h) "publish" includes exhibition of a document at a place accessible to the public; and
- (i) "rules" means the Punjab Local Government (Delimitation of Union Councils) Rules 2026.

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

3. Delimitation of Union Councils.- (1) The Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, determine the number of Union Councils for each Town Corporation, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committee and Tehsil Council.

(2) The Election Commission shall delimit and notify the Union Councils in Town Corporation, Municipal Corporation, Municipal

Committee and Tehsil Councils for the purpose of holding the elections.

(3) A Union Council shall consist of one or more revenue estates or one or more census blocks.

4. Principles for delimitation of Union Council.- (1) The area of a Union Council shall be a territorial unity.

(2) The boundaries of a Union Council shall not cross the limits of a Town Corporation, a Municipal Corporation, a Municipal Committee and a Tehsil Council.

(3) The population of Union Councils within a local government shall, as far as possible, be uniform.

(4) The urban area falling in a Tehsil Council shall be delimited separately.

(5) The variation in population between two or more Union Councils within a local government shall not ordinarily exceed ten percent without breaking any census block and if in exceptional circumstances the variations exceed the limit, the Delimitation Committee shall record reasons for such variation.

(6) All Union Councils shall, as far as practicable, be delimited having regard to the distribution of population in geographically compact areas, physical features, existing boundaries of administrative units, facilities and modes of communication and public convenience and other cognate factors to ensure homogeneity in the delimitation of Union Councils.

5. Appointment of Delimitation Committee.- (1) The Election Commission shall appoint a Delimitation Committee for each district or a part thereof from amongst the officers of the Election Commission, the Federal or the Provincial Government or autonomous body controlled by the Federal or Provincial Government for the delimitation of Union Councils or revision of such delimitation under the rules.

(2) The Delimitation Committee shall perform the functions as mentioned in the rules or assigned by the Election Commission.

6. Assistance to the Delimitation Committee.- (1) Subject to the control of the Election Commission, the Delimitation Committee may require any person or officer in the district to perform such function or render such assistance as may be required for the purposes of delimitation of Union Councils under the Act, Elections Act, rules and instructions issued by the Election Commission.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner shall coordinate and facilitate the Delimitation Committee in whole process of delimitation and provide required details about the local area of each local government demarcated under section 6 of the Act in identifying the distribution of population in geographically compact areas, physical features, existing boundaries of administrative units, facilities and modes of communication and public convenience and other cognate factors to ensure homogeneity in the delimitation of Union Councils.

(3) The Deputy Commissioner shall provide to the Delimitation Committee all notifications of local areas showing notified population along with their census block codes and copies of authenticated maps of local governments showing the clear boundaries.

7. Delimitation Authority.- (1) The Election Commission shall appoint a Delimitation Authority for one or more districts for hearing and disposal of objections received under rule 9 with respect to delimitation of Union Councils within the area assigned to the Delimitation Authority from amongst its own officers or officers of the Provincial or Federal Government.

(2) The Delimitation Authority may summon a witness, hold inquiry and record evidence for the purposes of deciding an objection on preliminary delimitation of Union Council.

8. Preliminary delimitation of Union Councils.- (1) The Delimitation Committee shall publish a preliminary delimitation of Union Councils in each Town Corporation, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committee and Tehsil Council in the **Form-I** specifying the areas to be included in each Union Council along with the map, together with a notice inviting objections from the public to be filed before the concerned Delimitation Authority for such period as mentioned in the delimitation schedule issued by the Election Commission.

(2) The preliminary lists of Union Councils shall be placed for public inspection at notified places by the Election Commission.

9. Manner of filing of objections on preliminary delimitation.-

(1) A voter of Union Council may, within fifteen days from the date of the publication of preliminary list of Union Council, file an objection in the **Form-II** to the Delimitation Authority against the preliminary delimitation of Union Council by affixing court fee stamps of one hundred rupees and attaching a copy of his Computerized National Identity Card with the objection application.

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

(3) A person filing objection may obtain a copy of map against payment of a printing fee of two thousand rupees per map from the convener of the Delimitation Committee.

10. Register of objections.- The Delimitation Authority shall maintain the record of objections in the **Form-III**.

11. Decision on objections.- (1) The Delimitation Authority shall reject the objections received after the specified period.

(2) The Delimitation Authority shall, decide the case after hearing the parties, within such period as mentioned in the delimitation schedule issued by the Election Commission and the decision of the Delimitation Authority shall be final.

(3) A representative of the Delimitation Committee shall assist the Delimitation Authority as and when required for the disposal of the objection filed against the preliminary delimitation of Union Councils.

(4) If the Delimitation Authority fails to decide the objection within the time specified under sub-rule (2), the objection shall abate and the preliminary list of Union Councils shall, to the extent of such objection, become final.

(5) The Delimitation Authority shall, as early as possible but not later than seven days after last day fixed for disposal of objections, communicate its decision to the Delimitation Committee.

(6) The Delimitation Committee shall incorporate the decision of the Delimitation Authority as received under sub-rule (5) in the preliminary list of Union Councils and prepare the final list of Urban as well as Rural Union Councils in the **Form-IV**.

12. Final lists of Union Councils.- The Delimitation Committee shall publish the final delimitation of Union Councils in the **Form-IV** along with maps as may be directed by the Election Commission and send a copy to the Provincial Election Commissioner, Punjab for its publication in the official Gazette.

13. Supply of copies etc.- A person may obtain a copy of preliminary or final delimitation of Union Councils published under rules 8 and 12 from the office of the District Election Commissioner on payment of fee at the rate of ten rupees per page in the shape of court fee stamps.

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

15. Delimitation to remain valid for next elections.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the rules, the final delimitation of Union Councils shall remain valid till next census or any change in the number or limits of estates in any district or part of a district.

(2) In case of change in the number or limits of estates in any district or part of a district, the Government shall inform the Election Commission who shall initiate the process of delimitation of Union Councils under the rules to the extent of that district or part of district where change has been affected for the next elections.

16. Repeal.- The Punjab Local Government (Delimitation of Union Councils) Rules 2022 are hereby repealed.

SECRETARY

GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT"

(MUHAMMAD ASIF BALAL LODHI)

SECRETARY

Government of the Punjab
Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department

FORM-I

[See sub-rule (1) of Rule 8]

PRELIMINARY LIST OF UNION COUNCILS

Town Corporation

Municipal Corporation

Municipal Committee

Tehsil Council

{Tick the relevant box}

Name of Local Government: _____

District: _____ Tehsil: _____

No. of Union Council	Extent of the Union Council (name of Electoral area (s) / Revenue Estate (s))	Census block Code (s) assigned to the Union Council	Population [as per last census]
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Total:-			

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
 (Name, Designation & Signatures of Delimitation Committee Members)

Dated: _____

Place: _____

FORM-III

[See rule 10]

**REGISTER OF OBJECTIONS FILED AGAINST PRELIMINARY
DELIMITATION OF UNION COUNCIL**

Name and Designation of Delimitation Authority: _____

Tehsil: _____ District: _____

Name of local government*: _____

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

Signature & Stamp of Delimitation Authority

Dated: _____

Place: _____

* Town Corporation or Municipal Corporation or Municipal Committee
or Tehsil Council

FORM-IV
[See rule 11, 12]

Final Delimitation of Union Councils

Town Corporation
 Municipal Corporation
 Municipal Committee
 Tehsil Council
 {Tick the relevant box}

Name of Local Government: _____

District: _____ Tehsil: _____

No. of Union Council	Extent of the Union Council (name of Electoral area (s) / Revenue Estate (s))	Census block Code (s) assigned to the Union Council	Population [as per last census]
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Total:-			

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
 (Name, Designation & Signatures of Delimitation Committee Members)

Dated: _____

Place: _____

فارم-III

[ملاحظہ ہو قاعدہ 10]

یونین کونسل کی ابتدائی حلقہ بندی پر درآمدی اعتراضات کا رجسٹر

حلقہ بندی اقتاری کا نام اور عہدہ:

منابع:

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نمبر	اعتراض دائر کرنے کی تاریخ	اعتراض دائر کرنے والے شخص کا نام قومی شناختی کارڈ نمبر اور پتہ		یونین کونسل کا نمبر	تاریخ	حلقہ بندی اقتاری کا فیصلہ		فیصلے کی مختصر تفصیل	حلقہ بندی کسٹی کو فیصلے سے آگاہ کرنے کی تاریخ
		اعتراض کنندہ	قومی شناختی کارڈ نمبر			منکور شدہ	سزویا ختم شد		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

حلقہ بندی اقتاری کے دستخط اور مہر

تاریخ

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☆ ہذا رجسٹر کار پر یونین کونسل کا نام اور پتہ لکھنا یا کسی اور نام لکھنا ممنوع ہے

