

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**  
(Public Relation Wing)

**Press Release**

**Islamabad, the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016:-** The Election Commission of Pakistan is pleased to issue the following Code of Conduct for Political Parties and candidates for the Local Government Elections to the Seats of Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, and Mayors And Deputy Mayors in the Local Government Institutions of the Punjab Province (Instructions for Polling On 22.12.2016).

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

- i. there shall be complete ban on carrying mobile phone inside the premises of polling stations on 22.12.2016 and Returning Officer concerned shall be responsible to ensure the same;
- ii. Returning Officer shall take personal pain to ensure secrecy of vote on poll date and in case the same is breached upon, immediate legal action be taken as per Section 55 or 56 of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013;
- ii. No MNA/MPA shall be permitted to visit the premises of polling stations by the Returning Officer. Any violation of the same shall be immediately reported by the DEC concerned along with his recommendations for punitive action against the violators and the Returning Officer;
- iii. each District Returning Officer shall ensure fool proof security arrangements at least one day before the poll day and in this regard, a meeting shall be held with the DPO concerned;
- iv. no un-authorized person shall be permitted to enter the outer gate of such building that has been declared as polling station for the purpose of election and the limit of restriction of polling canvassing of within a radius of 200 meters of the polling station as provided in Section 52 of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013 shall be strictly followed;
- v. there shall be strict observance to the Code of Conduct and any violation thereof shall be immediately reported by the RO concerned to the DRO/DEC concerned;
- vi. Official Polling Hours are from 09:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. and Presiding Officers shall not count the votes before end of official polling hours;
- vii. Thumb impression from female voters on the Voter List shall be got by female personnel; and
- viii. In case of any complaint, the complainants may contact on telephone numbers 051-9219338 & 051-9204342.

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