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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**  
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*Secretariat*  
*Constitution Avenue, G-5/2,*  
*Islamabad, the 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2015*

To

All District Returning Officers/  
All Returning Officers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Through: The Provincial Election Commissioner,  
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,  
**Peshawar.**

Subject: **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO MEMBERS OF COUNCILS ELECTED DURING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2015 IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA.**

Dear Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to Section 80 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Government Act 2014 read with Rule 72 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Councils (Conduct of Elections ) Rules , 2014 and to state that every member elected to a local council shall, after declaring his assets in Form XXIX and before taking his seat, make and subscribe to an oath in Schedule-II. The Election Commission has been pleased to fix the date i.e **29<sup>th</sup> August 2015** (Saturday) for administration of oath to the members of the Councils elected during the Local Government Elections 2015 on the date fixed by this Commission.

2. The District Returning Officers are, therefore, requested to make necessary arrangements under Rule 72 ibid, so that the proceeding of oath to the members of the Councils elected during the Local Government Elections 2015 could be done in an efficient manner. The Presiding Officers already nominated by this Commission should adhere the following guidelines for administration of oath to the newly elected members:

**Manner of making oath.-**

- i. The District Returning Officers shall call a meeting of the local council/councils under his jurisdiction by issuing a notice thereof, for the purpose of administering oath.

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- ii. A notice of the meeting shall be sent to each member of a local council by post and a copy thereof affixed at the office(s) of the local councils concerned.
- iii. The oath shall be administered to each member of the local council. The Returning Officer shall distribute the forms of oath in **quadruplicate** to the members present and shall read out the oath which each member shall repeat. While taking the oath each member will speak out his/her own name.
- iv. Each member shall sign or affix his thumb impression to the oath form given to him/her, after he/she has been administered oath. One copy each shall be,
  - a. Retained by the District Returning officer;
  - b. Sent to the Provincial Election Commissioner;
  - c. Retained in the Local Council concerned to form its record.
- v. If a member of a local council is unable to attend the meeting, the Nazim or as the case may be, the Naib Nazim of the Local Council shall, at any subsequent meeting, administer oath of office to such member, whereupon such member shall be deemed to have taken his seat in the local council.

2. All the District Returning Officers are required to convene a meeting on the date fixed by the Election Commission to administer oath in light of the above mentioned instructions to the elected members of the Local Councils under their respective jurisdictions.

Yours faithfully,

**(M.Rasheed Bhatti)**  
Director (LGE-KPK)

Copy forwarded to the Chief Secretary, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar for information & necessary action.

**(M.Rasheed Bhatti)**  
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