

**GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT OF ELECTION TO THE SEAT OF
MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN / VICE-CHAIRMAN IN
SINDH PROVINCE.**

**ELECTION TO THE SEAT OF MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN /
VICE-CHAIRMAN**

- I. Elections to the seat of Chairman / Vice-Chairman and Mayor / deputy Mayor shall be held through Secret Ballot in pursuance to the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in CP No. 760 to 765 dated 15th April, 2016.
- II. Election Symbols meant for Political Parties shall be allotted to the Contesting Candidates on production of Party Ticket by the authorized person of the political party.
- III. Election Symbols meant for Independent Contesting Candidates shall be allotted to the Candidates not belonging to the political party.
- IV. The Returning Officer shall immediately send the list of contesting candidate to the DRO for onward submission to the PEC by quickest means.
- V. Voters list for election to the seat of Chairman / Vice-Chairman and Mayor / Deputy Mayor shall be prepared by RO concerned and authenticated / verified by DRO for use in the elections.
- VI. A column of thumb impression of the voter shall be inserted in the voter lists.
- VII. The Ballot Paper shall be strictly in accordance with the specification which also contains Serial No, Name and Symbol on the Ballot Paper and colour approved by the Hon'ble Commission.
- VIII. The PEC Sindh will verify the specimen of Ballot Papers at the Pakistan Security Press.
- IX. At least one Polling Station will be established in each Local Council in the Government Building.
- X. Well experienced, trained and impartial Polling Personnel shall be appointed for each Polling Station.
- XI. Polling hours for election to the seat of Mayor / Deputy Mayor and Chairman / Vice-Chairman in Sindh Province will be from 08:00 am to 04:00 pm.

PROCEDURE OF CASTING VOTES.

- a) Every voter shall mark only one candidate on a ballot paper.
- b) The procedure for casting and counting of votes will be adopted as prescribed in the Law / Rules.
- c) The voter shall mark a ballot paper with the help of the stamp specified for the purpose against the name / symbol of the candidate of his choice at a separate space / screened off compartment.
- d) Polling personnel will ensure strict secrecy of votes by the voters.
- e) Voters present in the premises of Polling Station at 04:00 pm will be allowed to cast their votes irrespective of the time.

PROCEDURE FOR COUNTING OF VOTES AND CONSOLIDATION OF RESULTS

- A. At the end of polling, the process of counting of votes shall be immediately started and followed strictly in accordance with the procedure / instructions laid down in the Law / Rules.
- B. The candidate securing highest votes in counting shall be declared as elected.
- C. The consolidation of result shall be done on the date fix by Hon'ble Election Commission in election schedule.
- D. The RO shall prepare the results on the form specified for the purpose and shall immediately send a copy of the same to the PEC through DRO concerned. PEC Sindh, shall immediately after the receipt of official results, forward to ECP draft Notification of the Returned Candidates as per the prescribed format.
- E. The PEC will confirm that Returned Candidates have submitted the return of elections expenses to the RO concerned.
