

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN
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The Election Commission of Pakistan hereby issues the Schedule for filling up the seats of Chairman and Vice Chairman in Municipal Committee Kotli Sattian, District Rawalpindi and calls upon the voters (Elected members) of the Committee to elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee and specifies in relation thereto, the following dates:

Sr. No	Activity	Date
1	Public Notice to be issued by the Returning Officer on	17-07-2017
2	Dates for filing of nomination papers with the Returning Officer by the candidates	20-07-2017 To 21-07-2017
3	Dates for Scrutiny of nomination papers by the Returning Officer	24-07-2017 To 25-07-2017
4	Last date for filing of appeals against decisions of the Returning Officer rejecting/ accepting the nomination papers	27-07-2017
5	Last date for deciding appeals by the Appellate Authority	31-07-2017
6	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	01-08-2017
7	Publication of revised list of candidates along with symbols	01-08-2017
8	Poll Date	16-08-2017
9	Consolidation and Declaration of result by the Returning officer by	17-08-2017
10	Issuance of notification of Returned candidates by ECP by	25-08-2017
11	Oath of elected members by	28-08-2017

2. With a view to ensure that elections to the local Government are conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 218(3) of the Constitution, the Election Commission of Pakistan directs that:

- a. All Executive Authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces shall not use State Resources in Local Government bye-Elections calculated to influence the elections in favor of a particular candidate or a political party.
- b. If any person in government service misuses his official position in any manner in order to influence results of elections, he shall be liable to be proceeded against under Section 60 of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013.
- c. No transfers/ postings of the civil servants shall be made after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government/Bye-Elections without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results.
- d. No leave of the civil servant will be granted after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government Elections without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results. In case leave has already been sanctioned, the officer will not relinquish his charge without the approval of the Hon'ble Commission.
- e. After the issuance of Election Schedule, the President, Prime Minister, Chairman/ Deputy Chairman Senate, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Federal Ministers, Ministers of State, Advisors to the Prime Minister another Public Office holder shall neither openly nor in secret give any subscription or donation or make promises for giving such subscription or donation to any institution, nor shall inaugurate, commit to undertake or announce any development project therein for the advancement of the campaign of a candidate of his choice and thereby influence the results of elections.
- f. No Deputy Commissioner/ District Coordination Officer shall perform protocol duty with the Prime Minister, Chief Minister , Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Federal Ministers, Ministers of State, Provincial Minister , Advisors to the Prime Minister and Chief Minister or any person on their behalf till conclusion of the electoral process.
- g. Any holder of public office, who is found to have violated any provision of election laws or the instructions issued by the Election Commission, shall be proceeded against as mandated in law.
- h. The poll shall be taken from **09:00 AM to 02:00 PM** without break.

Note: the offices of the Election Commission as well as the offices of District Returning Officer and Returning Officer shall remain open on all public holidays during the schedule period fixed for any electoral activity. All electoral activities mentioned in the aforesaid schedule shall be undertaken during office hours and the said timing will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.

(ii) The concerned office of the Election Commission as well as the offices of District Returning Officer and Returning Officer shall remain open on public holidays (Saturday & Sunday) during the schedule period in case any activity is involved.

(iii) ECP's instructions issued from time to time for conduct of Local Government Election, as far as practicable, shall be followed for conduct of election.

(v) Polling hours shall be from 09:00 A.M to 02:00 P.M.

By order of the Election commission Of Pakistan.
