

**Public Order (Election Meetings and Processions in Parliamentary Elections)
Regulations 2009**

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PUBLIC ORDER (ELECTION MEETINGS AND PROCESSIONS IN
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) REGULATIONS 2009

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 47 of the Public Order Act 2009, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Order (Election Meetings and Processions in Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2009 and shall come into operation on 9th October 2009.

*[S 274/2017 wef 01/06/2017]
[S 491/2020 wef 26/06/2020]*

Application to election meetings and processions in parliamentary elections

2. These Regulations apply only to the following public assemblies (called in these Regulations election meetings) and public processions (called in these Regulations election processions):

- (a) a public assembly (whether held wholly inside a building or enclosed premises or outdoors) organised by or on behalf of a candidate, and held at any time on or after nomination day but before the eve of polling day of a parliamentary election, to promote or procure the electoral success at the parliamentary election for one or more identifiable political parties, candidates or groups of candidates or to otherwise enhance the standing of any such political parties, candidates or groups of candidates with the electorate in connection with the election;

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- (b) a public assembly (whether held wholly inside a building or enclosed premises or outdoors) organised by or on behalf of a candidate in any parliamentary election to show support for the candidate at or about the time the results of the parliamentary election may be declared under section 49(7) or (7E) or 49A(5) of the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218);

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- (c) a public procession (whether or not involving the use of vehicles or other conveyances) organised by or on behalf of a candidate, and held at any

time on or after nomination day but before the eve of polling day of a parliamentary election —

- (i) to promote or procure the electoral success at the parliamentary election for one or more identifiable political parties, candidates or groups of candidates; or
- (ii) to otherwise enhance the standing of any such political parties, candidates or groups of candidates with the electorate, in connection with the election.

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Definitions

3. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“advance notice”, in relation to an election meeting or election procession, means notice of intention to organise the election meeting or election procession (as the case may be) required by section 6 of the Act, and includes the accompanying application for a permit for that meeting or procession, as the case may be;

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“appropriate form”, in relation to any purpose for which a specific form is required by these Regulations to be used, means the relevant form that —

- (a) is provided by the Commissioner; or
- (b) is set out on the Commissioner’s Internet website at <http://www.police.gov.sg/e-services> in relation to an advance notice; and any reference in these Regulations to a numbered form is a reference to the current version of the form bearing the corresponding number which is displayed at the website;

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“candidate” means the individual who is nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218) for election as a Member of Parliament for an electoral division;

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“election agent”, in relation to a candidate, means the person named as his election agent under section 62(1) of the Parliamentary Elections Act;

[S 274/2017 wef 01/06/2017]

“nomination day” means the day of nomination at an election under the Parliamentary Elections Act;

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“parliamentary election” means an election under the Parliamentary Elections Act;
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“polling day” means the polling day at an election under the Parliamentary Elections Act;
[S 274/2017 wef 01/06/2017]
[S 534/2017 wef 01/10/2017]

“special notice” means the special notice of intention to organise an event, required by section 6A of the Act.
[S 534/2017 wef 01/10/2017]

Forms

4.—(1) All forms used for the purposes of these Regulations shall be completed in the English language and in accordance with such directions as may be specified in the form or by the Commissioner.

(2) The Commissioner may refuse to accept any form if it is not completed or lodged in accordance with this regulation.

(3) Where strict compliance with any form is not possible, the Commissioner may allow for the necessary modifications to be made to that form, or for the requirements of that form to be complied with in such other manner as the Commissioner thinks fit.

Advance notice

5.—(1) For the purposes of section 6(1) of the Act, advance notice of an election meeting or election procession must be given to the Commissioner —

- (a) by delivering the advance notice in person at any of the offices of the following police officers:
 - (i) a Deputy Commissioner of Police;
 - (ii) the officer-in-charge of the Police Division in which the election meeting or election procession (as the case may be) is intended to be held;
 - (iii) the Police Liaison Officer (Elections); or
- (b) by completing and submitting the appropriate web-based form on the Commissioner’s Internet website at <http://www.police.gov.sg/e-services>, in accordance with the instructions on the website or the form, so that the Commissioner receives it not later than the applicable deadline specified in paragraph (2).

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(2) For the purposes of section 6(2) of the Act, the advance notice of an election meeting or election procession shall be given as follows:

- (a) if the eve of the day on which the election meeting or election procession is to be held is nomination day — not later than 4 p.m. on nomination day;
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- (b) in any other case — not later than 2.30 p.m. on the eve of the day on which the election meeting or election procession is to be held, even if the eve is a Sunday or public holiday.

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(3) For the purposes of section 6(3)(a) of the Act, an advance notice of an election meeting or election procession organised by or on behalf of a candidate shall be made by the candidate or his election agent.

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(4) For the purposes of section 6(3)(c)(vii) of the Act, an advance notice of an election meeting or election procession which is to be held on State land, within a national park, public park or public car park, along a public road or on any land vested in or under the control of a Town Council or other statutory board, shall contain evidence of the prior written consent of the following persons for the holding of the election meeting or election procession on their respective premises:

- (a) the Commissioner of Lands if the election meeting or election procession is to be held on State land;
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- (b) the National Parks Board if the election meeting or election procession is to be held in a national park or public park;
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- (c) the Superintendent of Car Parks appointed under the Parking Places Act (Cap. 214) if the election meeting or election procession is to be held in a public car park;
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- (d) the Chief Executive of the Land Transport Authority of Singapore if the election meeting or election procession is to be held on or along a road; or
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- (e) a Town Council or other statutory board, as the case may be, if the election is to be held on any land vested in or under the control of that Town Council or statutory board.

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Permit conditions for election meeting

6. Every permit for an election meeting shall be subject to the following conditions,