

**Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) (Election Meetings) Rules  
2006**

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**MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES (PUBLIC ORDER AND NUISANCE) ACT  
(CHAPTER 184)**

**MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES (PUBLIC ORDER AND NUISANCE) (ELECTION  
MEETINGS) RULES 2006**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 (1) of the Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Rules:

## **Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) (Election Meetings) Rules 2006 and shall come into operation on 21st April 2006.

## **Application**

2. These Rules shall apply to any assembly of 5 or more persons which is —

- (a) organised by or on behalf of a candidate nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Presidential Elections Act (Cap. 240A) for election as President, and held between nomination day and the day before polling day (both days inclusive) of an election under that Act (referred to in these Rules as a presidential election);
- (b) organised by or on behalf of a candidate nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218) for election as a Member of Parliament for an electoral division, and held between the day of nomination and the day before polling day (both days inclusive) of an election under that Act (referred to in these Rules as a parliamentary election); or
- (c) organised by or on behalf of a candidate in any presidential election or parliamentary election and held to show support for the candidate at or about the time the results of any presidential election or parliamentary election, as the case may be, are declared under section 32(8) or (8D) of the Presidential Elections Act or section 49(7) or (7E) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, as the case may be,

and any reference in these Rules to an election meeting shall be a reference to any such assembly of persons.

## **Prohibition of election meeting without permit**

3.—(1) No person shall hold or assist in holding any election meeting in any public road, public place or place of public resort —

- (a) without a permit; or
- (b) in contravention of any condition of a permit specified in rule 5(1) or imposed under rule 5(2).

(2) Any person who contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction —

- (a) in the case of an offence of contravening paragraph (1)(a) — to a fine not

exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both; and

- (b) in the case of an offence of contravening paragraph (1)(b) — to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or to both.

### **Grant of permit**

4.—(1) A permit to hold an election meeting may be granted by any one of the following licensing officers:

- (a) a Deputy Commissioner of Police;
- (b) the officer-in-charge of the Police Division in which the election meeting is intended to be held;
- (c) the Police Liaison Officer (Elections).

(2) An application for a permit to hold an election meeting shall —

- (a) be made in writing by the candidate concerned or by his election agent;
- (b) be supported by particulars of the date, time and place and such other information of the election meeting as a licensing officer referred to in paragraph (1) may require; and
- (c) be delivered to a licensing officer referred to in paragraph (1) not later than the following times:
  - (i) unless otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (ii), 2.30 p.m. on the eve of the day fixed for the election meeting, even if the eve is a Sunday or public holiday; or
  - (ii) where the eve of the day fixed for the election meeting is the day of nomination in a presidential election or parliamentary election, 4 p.m. on the day of nomination.

### **Conditions of permit**

5.—(1) A permit granted under these Rules shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the election meeting shall not cause any obstruction to the free passage of persons or vehicular traffic on any road or street;
- (b) subject to sub-paragraph (c), the election meeting shall be held only