

People's Association (Community Development Councils) Rules 1997

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**PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION ACT
(CHAPTER 227)**

**PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS) RULES
1997**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 9(2)(a) and (b) of the People's Association Act, the Board of Management of the People's Association hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the People's Association (Community Development Councils) Rules 1997 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 29th March 1997.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Association” means the People's Association constituted under section 2 of the Act;

“Board” means the Board of Management of the Association;

“Chairman”, in relation to a Council, means the Chairman of the Council and includes an acting Chairman of the Council;

“Chief Executive Director” means the Chief Executive Director of the Association;

“constituency” means an electoral division under the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218) and includes a group representation constituency;

“Council”, in relation to a District, means a Community Development Council appointed for the District under rule 3(b);

“District” means an area designated to be a District under rule 3(a) and specified in the First Schedule;

“group representation constituency” means any electoral division declared to be a group representation constituency under the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218);

“member”, in relation to a Council, means a member of the Council;

“Vice-Chairman”, in relation to a Council, means the Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Community Development Councils

3. For the purposes of carrying out the objects of the Association set out in section 9(1)(c) of the Act and the activities advantageous towards, or necessary or convenient for, the furtherance of such objects, the Board may from time to time —

(a) designate any area in Singapore to be a District; and

(b) appoint for that District a committee to be known as Community Development Council.

Districts

4. A District designated under rule 3(a) shall —

- (a) comprise one or more constituencies as set out in the first column of the First Schedule; and
- (b) be known by the name set out opposite thereto in the second column thereof.

Constitution of a Council

5.—(1) A Council shall consist of —

- (a) a Chairman; and
- (b) such other members, not being less than 12 or more than 50, as the Board may determine.

(2) The Chairman and other members of a Council shall be appointed by the Board on such terms and conditions and be paid such salaries or allowances as the Board may determine.

Mayor

6. The Board may designate the Chairman of the Council for a District to be the Mayor of that District where —

- (a) the Chairman is also the Chairman of a Town Council established under the Town Councils Act (Cap. 329A); and
- (b) the number of residents in the District is not less than 150,000.

Appointment and duties of Vice-Chairman and other officials

7.—(1) The Board may appoint any member of a Council to be the Vice-Chairman of the Council, and if for any reason the Chairman is unable to act or the office of Chairman is vacant, the Vice-Chairman may exercise all or any of the powers conferred, or the duties imposed, on the Council under these Rules or any other written law.

(2) The Board may appoint from amongst the members of a Council to be the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Council.

(3) The Secretary of a Council shall conduct all correspondence, keep minutes of meetings, take charge of all records (except accounts), prepare the annual report and generally perform all duties pertaining to his office.

(4) The Assistant Secretary of a Council shall carry out and discharge duties assigned to him by the Secretary of the Council and shall perform all the duties of the Secretary in his absence.

(5) The Treasurer of a Council shall receive all moneys given to the Council, maintain proper books of accounts, arrange for banking facilities and present statements of accounts at meetings of the Council.

(6) The Assistant Treasurer of a Council shall carry out and discharge duties assigned to him by the Treasurer of the Council and perform all the duties of the Treasurer in his absence.

(7) The Board may appoint any person to be adviser or consultant to a Council on such terms and conditions and be paid such salaries or allowances as the Board may determine.

(8) Any adviser or consultant appointed under paragraph (7) may serve as a resource person and advise the Council on matters advantageous to the performance of the functions of the Council.

Temporary members

8. The Board may appoint any person to be a temporary member of a Council during the temporary incapacity from illness or otherwise, or during the temporary absence from Singapore, of any member of the Council.

Revocation of appointment

9. The Board may, at any time, revoke the appointment of the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman or any member of a Council without assigning any reason.

Resignation

10. A member of a Council may resign his office at any time by giving not less than one month's notice to the Board.

Vacation of office

11. The office of a member of a Council shall become vacant —

- (a) on the death of the member;
- (b) if the member, without sufficient cause (the sufficiency thereof to be decided by the Board) fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings of the Council;
- (c) if the member becomes in any manner disqualified for membership of the Council;
- (d) if the member is adjudicated a bankrupt;