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**PUBLIC ORDER ACT
(CHAPTER 257A)**

**PUBLIC ORDER (ELECTION MEETINGS
IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS)
REGULATIONS 2017**

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Public Order (Election Meetings in Presidential Elections) Regulations 2017 and come into operation on 1 June 2017.

Application to election meetings in presidential elections

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

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- (a) a public assembly (whether held wholly inside a building or enclosed premises or outdoors) 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 at any time on or after nomination day but before the eve of polling day of a presidential election under that Act, to promote or procure the electoral success at the presidential election for one or more identifiable candidates or to otherwise enhance the standing of any such candidates with the electorate in connection with the election;
- (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 presidential election under the Presidential Elections Act to show support for the candidate at or about the time the results of any presidential election may be declared under section 32(8) or (8D) or 32A(5) of that Act.

Definitions

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

“advance notice”, in relation to an election meeting, means notice of intention to organise the election meeting required by section 6 of the Act and includes the accompanying application for a permit for that meeting;

“candidate” means the individual who is nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Presidential Elections Act (Cap. 240A) for election as President;

“election agent”, in relation to a candidate, means the person named as the candidate’s election agent under section 43(1) of the Presidential Elections Act;

“nomination day” means the day of nomination at a presidential election under the Presidential Elections Act;

“polling day” means the polling day at a presidential election under the Presidential Elections Act.

Forms

4.—(1) All forms used for the purposes of these Regulations must 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 must be given to the Commissioner —

(a) by delivering the advance notice in person at the offices of any 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 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.spf.gov.sg>, 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).

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

- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (b), not later than 4 p.m. on the second calendar day before the day on which the election meeting is to be held;
- (b) if the election meeting is to be held on the third day after nomination day or on any day after that day — not later

than 11 a.m. on the second calendar day before the day on which the election meeting is to be held.

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

(4) For the purposes of section 6(3)(c)(vii) of the Act, advance notice of an election meeting 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, must contain evidence of the prior written consent of the following persons for the holding of the election meeting on their respective premises:

- (a) the Commissioner of Lands if the election meeting is to be held on State land;
- (b) the National Parks Board if the election meeting is to be held in a national park or public park;
- (c) the Superintendent of Car Parks appointed under the Parking Places Act (Cap. 214) if the election meeting is to be held in a public car park;
- (d) the Chief Executive of the Land Transport Authority of Singapore if the election meeting is to be held on or along a road;
- (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.

Permit conditions

6. Every permit for an election meeting is subject to the following conditions, which are deemed to be imposed under section 8(2) of the Act:

- (a) the election meeting must not be held in any place other than the place specified in the permit;