

CIRCULAR 5 OF 2020



**To: Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Chairperson of the Select Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
MECs of Provincial Departments responsible for Local Government
Chairpersons of National & Provincial Houses of Traditional Leaders
President of South African Local Government Association
Chairperson of Independent Electoral Commission
Mayors of affected Metropolitan, District and Local Municipalities**

**Cc: Speakers of all Metropolitan, District and Local Municipalities
HOD's of Provincial Departments responsible for Local Government
PEO's of Independent Electoral Commission
Municipal Managers Metropolitan, District and Local Municipalities
Chief Surveyor General
Chief Electoral Officer
Chief Executive Officer of SALGA
Statistician – General
Members of the extended Boundaries, Powers and Function Committee
Members of Local Elections Technical Committee**

Dear Sir/Madam,

CIRCULAR 5/2020: DELIMITATION OF WARDS 2019-2020: PUBLICATION OF WARDS FOR OBJECTIONS FOR BATCH 1 MUNICIPALITIES

PURPOSE

1. To provide an update regarding the publication of wards for objections for Batch 1 municipalities; and
2. To confirm the publication of wards for Batch 1 municipalities.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

3. As indicated in Circular 4 of 2020, the MDB revised its ward delimitation programme. The programme was divided into Batch 1 and Batch 2

municipalities. Batch 1 municipalities constitute all municipalities the MDB could visit before the declaration of the state of national disaster and lockdown and Batch 2 municipalities constitute all municipalities the MDB could not visit before the declaration of the state of national disaster and lockdown.

4. Stakeholders and members of the public for Batch 1 municipalities were given until the 31st of May 2020 to submit written proposals.

PUBLICATION OF BATCH 1 MUNICIPALITIES WARDS FOR OBJECTIONS

5. After the closing date for submissions, the MDB analysed all submissions received.
6. On 22 July 2020, the Board considered all submissions, delimited wards and resolved to publish all wards affecting Batch 1 municipalities for objections in the relevant provincial gazettes.
7. In terms of Schedule 1 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act (Act 117 of 1998), members of the public are allowed 14 days from the date of publication of the relevant provincial gazette to submit written objections to the MDB.
8. Provincial gazettes have been published on several dates as reflected in the table below. In the Western Cape, separate gazettes were published per municipality as reflected in the table below. The MDB issued several media alerts (MDB website, social media, etc.) in the last few weeks to advise on the the publications:

| Municipality | Publication Date | Gazette No | Notice No |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Beaufort West Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8300 | 79 |
| Bergrivier Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8280 | 59 |
| Bitou Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8297 | 76 |
| Breede Valley Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8286 | 65 |
| Cape Agulhas Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8290 | 69 |
| Cederberg Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8279 | 58 |
| City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8277 | 56 |
| Drakenstein Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8284 | 63 |
| George Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8295 | 74 |
| Hessequa Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8293 | 72 |
| Kannaland Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8292 | 71 |
| Laingsburg Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8298 | 77 |

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| Municipality | Publication Date | Gazette No | Notice No |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Langeberg Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8287 | 66 |
| Matzikama Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8278 | 57 |
| Mossel Bay Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8294 | 73 |
| Oudtshoorn Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8296 | 75 |
| Overstrand Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8289 | 68 |
| Prince Albert Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8299 | 78 |
| Saldanha Bay Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8281 | 60 |
| Stellenbosch Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8285 | 64 |
| Swartland Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8282 | 61 |
| Swellendam Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8291 | 70 |
| Theewaterskloof Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8288 | 67 |
| Witzenberg Local Municipality | 29 July 2020 | 8283 | 62 |

9. The closing date for submission of objections for Western Cape municipalities is 11 August 2020.
10. In addition to WC publication, provincial gazettes covering all other Batch 1 municipalities were also published in Mpumalanga, KwaZulu Natal, Eastern Cape, and Gauteng (Ekurhuleni).
11. Provincial gazettes were published on different dates as reflected in the table below:

| Province | Publication Date | Gazette No | Notice No | Closing Date |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Eastern Cape | 03 August 2020 | 4426 | 103 | 16 August 2020 |
| Kwazulu Natal | 06 August 2020 | 2201 | 73 | 19 August 2020 |
| Mpumalanga | 07 August 2020 | 3179 | 77 | 20 August 2020 |
| Gauteng | 12 August 2020 | 138 | 310 | 25 August 2020 |

12. Provincial gazettes can be found on MDB website www.demarcation.org.za or Government Printing Works website www.gpwonline.co.za.
13. After the period of objections, the MDB will consider all received objections, delimit final wards and publish these in the relevant provincial gazettes in September 2020.

CONCLUSION

14. The MDB looks forward to continued support and participation of all affected parties and communities.

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15. The MDB is committed to ensure that this process is completed successfully on time to allow sufficient time for final preparations for local government elections.

Regards,



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