

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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