

CIRCULAR 6 OF 2020

To: Speakers and Municipal Managers of all Metropolitan, District and Local Municipalities

**Cc: 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**

**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; and
All other MDB stakeholders including members of the public.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

CIRCULAR 6/2020: DELIMITATION OF WARDS 2019-2020: PUBLICATION OF FINAL WARDS AND CONCLUSION OF THE WARD DELIMITATION PROCESS.

PURPOSE

1. to provide an update regarding the finalisation of the ward delimitation process and;

2. to confirm the conclusion of the process and the handover of final wards to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) to allow for the commencement of preparations for the 2021 Local Government Elections (LGE) in 2021.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

3. In terms of section 157(4)(a) of the Constitution, read with schedule 1 to the Municipal Structures Act, Act No. 117 OF 1998, the MDB has the sole responsibility to delimit wards for every new term of office of municipal councils. This requires that the MDB, after consultation with the IEC, must delimit all metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities for the purpose of local government elections.
4. As noted in our previous communication, the MDB commenced public consultation programme on the delimitation of wards earlier in February this year, however, this was discontinued due to Covid 19 and the subsequent declaration of the national state of disaster.
5. In view of the above and, as communicated in MDB Circulars 4 and 5 of 2020, the MDB accordingly revised its ward delimitation public consultation programme. The programme was divided into Batch 1 and Batch 2 municipal categories. Batch 1 comprised all municipalities the MDB was able to visit before the declaration of the national state of disaster and Batch 2 comprised all municipalities the MDB was unable to visit during the national state of disaster.
6. In spite of these challenges, the MDB made more effort than expected and arranged virtual meetings with Batch 2 municipalities to allow for further consultation and participation in the process.
7. Most importantly, provision was made for the extension of the deadlines for the submission of proposals for both Batch 1 and Batch 2 municipalities.
8. Final ward boundaries were completed at separate dates as per the revised programme. Batch 1 municipalities were finalised in September 2020 and Batch 2 municipalities in November 2020.

FINALISATION AND PUBLICATION OF WARDS

9. In terms of Schedule 1 to the Structures Act, 1998, the Board delimited the wards for all local and metropolitan municipalities.

10. The notices were published in the relevant provincial gazettes as reflected in the table below:

TABLE 1: PUBLICATION OF WARDS FOR OBJECTIONS

Province	Publication Date	Gazette No	Notice No	Closing Date
Eastern Cape Batch 1	03 August 2020	4426	103	16 August 2020
Batch 2	05 October 2020	4452	19	18 October 2020
Gauteng Batch 1	12 August 2020			25 August 2020
Batch 2	07 October 2020	184	471	20 October 2020
KwaZulu Natal Batch 1	06 August 2020	2201	73	19 August 2020
Batch 2	01 October 2020	2218	98	14 October 2020
Limpopo	02 October 2020	2371	99	15 October 2020
Mpumalanga	07 August 2020	3179	77	20 August 2020
North West	6 October 2020	8151	136	19 October 2020
Northern Cape	5 October 2020	2371	99	18 October 2020

TABLE 1.1 FREE STATE PUBLICATIONS FOR OBJECTIONS

Municipality	Publication Date	Gazette No	Notice No	Closing Date
Kopanong Local Municipality	02 October 2020	62	42	15 October 2020
Letsemeng Local Municipality	02 October 2020	61	41	15 October 2020
Mafube Local Municipality	02 October 2020	78	58	15 October 2020
Maluti a Phofung Local Municipality	02 October 2020	72	52	15 October 2020
Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality	02 October 2020	60	40	15 October 2020
Mantsopa Local Municipality	02 October 2020	74	54	15 October 2020
Masilonyana Local Municipality	02 October 2020	64	44	15 October 2020
Matjhabeng Local Municipality	02 October 2020	67	47	15 October 2020

Municipality	Publication Date	Gazette No	Notice No	Closing Date
Metsimaholo Local Municipality	02 October 2020	77	57	15 October 2020
Mohokare Local Municipality	02 October 2020	63	43	15 October 2020
Moqhaka Local Municipality	02 October 2020	75	55	15 October 2020
Nala Local Municipality	02 October 2020	68	48	15 October 2020
Ngwathe Local Municipality	02 October 2020	76	56	15 October 2020
Nketoana Local Municipality	02 October 2020	71	51	15 October 2020
Phumelela Local Municipality	02 October 2020	73	53	15 October 2020
Setsoto Local Municipality	02 October 2020	69	49	15 October 2020
Tokologo Local Municipality	02 October 2020	65	45	15 October 2020
Tswelopele Local Municipality	02 October 2020	66	46	15 October 2020

TABLE 1.2 WESTERN CAPE PUBLICATIONS FOR OBJECTIONS

Municipality	Publication Date	Gazette No	Notice No	Closing Date
Beaufort West Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8300	79	11 August 2020
Bergrivier Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8280	59	11 August 2020
Bitou Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8297	76	11 August 2020
Breede Valley Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8286	65	11 August 2020
Cape Agulhas Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8290	69	11 August 2020
Cederberg Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8279	58	11 August 2020
City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality	29 July 2020	8277	56	11 August 2020
Drakenstein Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8284	63	11 August 2020
George Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8295	74	11 August 2020

Municipality	Publication Date	Gazette No	Notice No	Closing Date
Hessequa Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8293	72	11 August 2020
Kannaland Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8292	71	11 August 2020
Laingsburg Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8298	77	11 August 2020
Langeberg Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8287	66	11 August 2020
Matzikama Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8278	57	11 August 2020
Mossel Bay Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8294	73	11 August 2020
Oudtshoorn Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8296	75	11 August 2020
Overstrand Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8289	68	11 August 2020
Prince Albert Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8299	78	11 August 2020
Saldanha Bay Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8281	60	11 August 2020
Stellenbosch Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8285	64	11 August 2020
Swartland Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8282	61	11 August 2020
Swellendam Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8291	70	11 August 2020
Theewaterskloof Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8288	67	11 August 2020
Witzenberg Local Municipality	29 July 2020	8283	62	11 August 2020
Knysna Local Municipality	01 October 2020	8328	95	14 October 2020

11. Anyone aggrieved by the wards as published in the Gazette was invited to, within 14 days from the date of publication of the Gazette, submit objections.
12. After the closing date the MDB considered all objections received and confirmed or varied a number of wards. Final wards were published in provincial Gazettes as reflected in the table 2 below (Details on confirmed wards are as published in the Gazettes mentioned in table 1 above).
13. The MDB assessed and finalised the process to consider submissions and objections in line with the required ward delimitation criteria. However, it should

be noted that not all submissions were accepted as some did not comply with the acceptable criteria.

TABLE 2: PUBLICATION OF FINAL WARDS: PROVINCIAL GAZETTES

Province	Publication Date	Gazette No	Notice No
Eastern Cape Batch 1	05 October 2020	4452	20
Batch 2	30 November 2020	4485	218
Free State	27 November 2020	77	110
Gauteng Batch 1	07 October 2020	184	472
Batch 2	09 December 2020	250	685
Kwazulu-Natal Batch 1	01 October 2020/ 03 December 2020	2218/ 2242	97/ 147
Batch 2	03 December 2020	2242	147
Limpopo	04 December 2020	3124	122
Mpumalanga	06 October 2020	3196	104
North West	01 December 2020	8167	180
Northern Cape	30 November 2020	2385	118
Western Cape Batch 1	01 October 2020	8329	96
Batch 2	27 November 2020	8360	128

14. The MDB has on 01 December 2020 officially handed final wards to the IEC. The commission will now commence with preparations for the 2021 local government elections. This marks the end of the ward delimitation process.
15. Provincial gazettes can be found on MDB website www.demarcation.org.za or Government Printing Works website www.gpwonline.co.za

CONCLUSION

16. Although the ward delimitation process was interrupted by the outbreak of Covid 19 and the subsequent declaration of national state of disaster, the MDB with the support of all its stakeholders was able to complete the process on time as agreed with the IEC;
17. Data and maps on final wards are available on the MDB website www.demarcation.org.za, however, they are also available on request via email at info@demarcation.org.za or by telephone at (+27)12 342 2481;

18. The MDB remains committed to working with all parties involved to ensure that the 2021 elections are free and fair by continuing to engage all communities who may be disillusioned by the decisions of the MDB;
19. Furthermore, MDB would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to all its stakeholders for the support and roles they played in the process; and
20. Finally, credit goes to all members of the public who, under trying circumstances, took time and participated at different stages of the process.

Regards,



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