

- 4. I am a registered voter with ID Card number.....issued to me  
at.....Registration centre..... in the district.
- 5. The particulars entered in this form are in every respect true and correct.
- 6. I make this declaration believing the same to be true according to the Oaths and Statutory Declaration Act.

Declared at:.....

This.....day

of.....2008 .....  
*Signature thumbprint of Declarant*

A Magistrate/Commission of Oaths/Justice of the Peace.

Received today the.....day of .....2008

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**Returning Officer**

DR. CHRISTIANA A. M. THORPE,  
*Chief Electoral Commissioner.*

**CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT**

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**THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991**  
*(Act No. 6 of 1991)*

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS (NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES) Short title.  
REGULATIONS, 2008

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991, the Electoral Commission hereby makes the following Regulations-

- 1. The time for a local government election shall be appointed by Government Notice to be made by the President after consultation with the Electoral Commission. Time for local government elections
- 2. A person shall present himself for nomination, for election to a local council, either as a Chairperson or as a Councillor. Form of local government election.
- 3. Section 46 to 56 (Part V) of the Electoral Laws Act, 2002 shall, with the necessary modifications apply to the nomination of candidates for a local government election, except for the nomination of Chairpersons for which the provisions herein shall apply as follows:- Application of Part V of Act No. 2 of 2002 to local government elections in local government elections.
  - (a) Where a local government election is conducted, every candidate shall be nominated in writing by three electors ordinarily resident, in the case of nomination of;
    - (i) a Chairperson, in the locality for which he is a candidate; and

- (ii) a Councillor, in the ward for which he is a candidate, and no candidate may be nominated for more than one locality or ward, as the case may be, which shall be his locality or ward of ordinary residence.
- (b) Candidate nominations shall be received at the Electoral Commission District office for each locality or ward allocated to that District.
- (c) Each candidate shall provide the following documents in support of their application for nomination:
  - (i) proof of registration as an elector in the ward or locality of candidacy;
  - (ii) a signed Statutory Declaration attesting to the candidate's compliance with all legal requirements for the holding of office; and
  - (iii) rates or tax clearance certificates issued within the preceding 6 months.
- (d) Every candidate standing for election as a chairperson or Councillor of a local council shall deposit or cause to be deposited with the Returning Officer the sum of one hundred thousand Leones (Le100,000) or a written receipt issued by or on behalf of the Accountant-General for that amount received from or on account of such candidate in respect of such sum and the nomination shall not be valid until such deposit has been made.
- (e) The deposit referred to in subparagraph (d) shall be repayable to such candidate or his personal representatives if-

- (i) he dies before the date of the election; or
- (ii) there is no contested election; or
- (iii) if in a contested election the candidate obtains votes equivalent to not less than one-tenth of the total number of votes cast, but in any other case the deposit shall be forfeited to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (f) On the delivery of the nomination paper of a candidate together with the requisite deposit or receipt thereof, the Returning Officer for the electoral area shall forthwith acknowledge the receipt.

4. (1) The writing for candidate nominations in a local election shall be as prescribed in Form 1 and 2 in the Schedule and shall be subscribed by the candidate and the persons nominating him. Form of Nominations.

(2) Any Returning Officer shall provide nomination papers and shall supply any elector with such number of nomination papers as he may reasonably require and shall, at the request of any elector, the candidate and all his nominators being present, complete any such nomination on such elector's behalf.

(3) Each candidate shall deliver his nomination paper, subscribed in accordance with subparagraph (2), at the office of the Returning Officer before four o'clock in the afternoon of the last day for the delivery of nomination papers.

(4) When the requirements concerning the completion and delivery of nomination papers have been duly completed, the Returning Officer shall exhibit in a conspicuous manner at the place of receipt of the nomination, a notice containing the name of the candidate, the names of the electors nominating him and the symbol of the candidate.

**SCHEDULE**

**FORM 1**

**ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

**NOMINATION PAPER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE**

Election for which candidate seeks election (circle) Chairperson /Councillor / Council/Ward for which candidate seeks election.....

District.....

Date of Election:

1. I, the undersigned, am the Local Government Candidate to whom this nomination paper relates and I hereby certify that I am willing to stand for election for Chairperson/Councillor for the.....Council/Ward (underscore as appropriate).

2. I also hereby state that I am qualified and not disqualified for election to the office to Council Chairperson/councillor in accordance with the requirement of section 6 of the Local Government Act, 2004.

Last Name:..... First Name:.....

Middle Name:..... Gender:.....

Address:.....

Occupation:.....

Votes' ID Cards Number

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I wish to stand as Independent (tick)..... For a political party (name).....

Date:..... Signature:.....

Received by Returning Officer (Signature).....

Candidate will be standing for the following political party/independent.....  
*(to be entered by RO)*

If independent, the candidate will use the following symbol.....

**Form 2**

**ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

**STATUTORY DECLARATION FOR PURPOSES OF NOMINATION AT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION**

I ..... of ..... do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

1. I do hereby consent to my nomination as a candidate at the Local Government Election to be held in.....Council/Ward (delete as appropriate).
2. I am an ordinary resident in the above council/ward (underscore as appropriate).
3. I am qualified by law for election as a Councillor/Chairperson (delete as appropriate).