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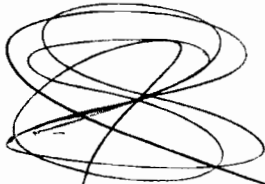
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**GOVERNMENT NOTICE**

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**DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS****No. R. 972****8 October 2009****LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL STRUCTURES ACT, 1998 (ACT No 117 OF 1998) AS AMENDED****LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE OF WARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS, 2009**

The Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs has in terms of section 75(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998) made the regulations in the Schedule.

**Mr S Shiceka, MP****Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs**

## PREAMBLE

These regulations seek to regulate the implementation of section 75 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998, which provides for the alignment of the term of office of ward committees to the term of a municipal council (5 years). The current dispensation provides that the terms of office for ward committees be set by metropolitan and local councils. Thus currently there may be different terms for ward committees in different municipalities. These regulations therefore in the interim, seek to align all the terms of ward committees to the term of municipal councils with effect from the next local government election in 2011.

## SCHEDULE

### CHAPTER 1

#### INTERPRETATION

##### Definitions

1. In these regulations a word or phrase to which a meaning has been assigned in the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998), has that meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates-

“**Minister**” means the national Minister responsible for Local Government

“**the Act**” means the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)

“**ward committee**” means a ward committee as contemplated in section 73 of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998);

## CHAPTER 2

### **Commencement of term of ward committees**

2. The term of ward committees as contemplated in section 24 of the Act commences on the day following the date set by the Minister for the 2011 local government elections.

### **Short title and transitional arrangements**

3. These regulations are called the Local Government Municipal Regulations for the Term of Office of Ward Committee Members, 2009, and take effect immediately.
  4. A ward committee remains competent to function from the date on which its term expires until the date contemplated in regulation 2.
  5. Metropolitan and Local Municipality councils must adopt a resolution to align the current term of office of members of a ward committee to end on the day preceding the date set by the Minister for the 2011 local government elections.
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