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GENERAL NOTICE NO. 59

## MALAWI ELECTORAL COMMISSION

### BY-ELECTIONS ORDER

(Under section 23 (2) of the Local Government Elections Act, as read with Section 147 of the Constitution of the Republic of Malawi)

WHEREAS it is provided in the Constitution that the Commission shall organise, conduct and supervise elections for local councillors for local government authorities:

WHEREAS it is provided under the Local Government Elections Act that when a councillor dies, a by-election shall be held:

WHEREAS it is provided in Local Government Elections Act that the Commission shall appoint Returning Officers with respect to every ward;

WHEREAS it is provided under the Local Government Elections Act that the Commission shall appoint the place, date and time for the receipt of nomination papers from candidates by Returning Officers in respect of each ward;

WHEREAS it is provided under the Local Government Elections Act that candidates for the office of the councillor shall pay such sum of money as fixed by the Commission on nomination to be tendered together with nomination papers;

WHEREAS it is provided under the Local Government Elections Act that all political parties and candidates shall have the right to campaign in public in an election and that supporters thereof shall either alone or in common with others enjoy complete and unhindered freedom of peaceful assembly in campaigning in an election;

WHEREAS it is provided under the Local Government Elections Act that a voters register shall be open for updating:

NOW THEREFORE, The Commission issues notice for the purposes of Local Government By-elections by declaring as follows—

1. That by elections shall be conducted on 25th August, 2015 in the following wards and councils—

- Luchenza Ward in Luchenza Municipal Council;
- Zomba City Central Ward in Zomba City Council;
- Msikisi Ward in Mangochi Town Council;
- Chibanja Ward in Mzuzu City Council;
- Khwawa Ward in Karonga District Council.

2. That the Commission has appointed Returning Officers as indicated in the Schedules 1 to 5.

3. That the update of the voter register shall take place from 15th to 19th July, 2015, in the centres as outlined in the Schedules 1 to 5.

4. That the Commission has appointed 28th July, 2015, as the day on which the Returning Officers shall receive nomination papers from candidates wishing to stand for the office of Councillor from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the following places—

- Mangochi Town Council Chambers for Msikisi Ward;
- Zomba City Council Chambers for Zomba City Central Ward;
- Luchenza Municipal Council Hall for Luchenza Ward;
- Mzuzu City Council Chambers for Chibanja Ward;
- Khwawa CDSS for Khwawa Ward in Karonga.

Nomination papers were made available at the District Commissioners/Chief Executives' offices and Returning Officers in the respective councils and wards where by elections will be conducted from 30th April, 2015. Aspiring candidates in these Wards and/or their agents may collect the nomination papers on any other day from then so long as they are presented back to the Returning Officer on 28th July, 2015.

(f) The Commission further orders that the non-refundable deposit payable by contestants for the by-elections shall be MK20,000 for male candidates and MK15,000 for female candidates;

(g) Campaigning in the by elections shall close on 23rd August, 2015, at 6.00 a.m.

Declared this 11th day of June, 2015, at Blantyre.

JUSTICE MAXON RAPHAEL MBENDERA, SC  
*Chairman*

#### SCHEDULE 1

DISTRICT: 24—THYOLO

LUCHENZA TOWN COUNCIL

CONSTITUENCY CODE: 166—THYOLO EAST

Ward	Centre Code	Centre Name
0410 Luchenza	24146	Luchenza Primary School
1	1	Ward Total

Returning Officer—Agnes Chipezaani-Ziyaya

#### SCHEDULE 2

DISTRICT: 16—MANGOCHI

MANGOCHI TOWN COUNCIL

CONSTITUENCY CODE: 113—MANGOCHI CENTRAL

Ward	Centre Code	Centre Name
0281 Msikisi	16236	Habitat
1	1	Ward Total

Returning Officer—Solomon Bonde

## SCHEDULE 3

DISTRICT: 19—ZOMBA

ZOMBA CITY COUNCIL

CONSTITUENCY CODE: 137—ZOMBA CENTRAL

Ward	Centre Code	Centre Name
0329 Central Ward	19135	Likangala Secondary School
	19136	Zomba Community Centre
	19137	Mponda School
<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Ward Total</b>

Returning Officer—Joana Namagowa (Mrs.)

## SCHEDULE 4

DISTRICT: 06—M'MBELWA

MZUZU CITY COUNCIL

CONSTITUENCY CODE: 022—MZUZU CITY

Ward	Centre Code	Centre Name
0044 Chibanja Ward	06005	Jerusalem J.P. School
	06006	Mbawemi CBO
	06007	Mndebe (Pvt) School
<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Ward Total</b>

Returning Officer—Robbo Tembo (Mrs.)

## SCHEDULE 5

DISTRICT: 02—KARONGA

CONSTITUENCY CODE: 010—KARONGA SOUTH

Ward	Centre Code	Centre Name
0019 Khwawa	02097	Lwegza School
	02098	Khwawa School
	02099	Sangiro School
	02100	Hara School
	02101	Bundi School
	02102	Sanambe School
	02103	Chiduli School
	02104	Chankholombe School
	02113	Chonanga School
<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Ward Total</b>

Returning Officer—Francis Nyirongo

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