# **PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION 2025**

# PUBLIC ORDER (ELECTION MEETINGS AND PROCESSIONS IN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) REGULATIONS 2009

# **CONDITIONS FOR ELECTION MEETINGS**

In accordance with the Public Order (Election Meetings	and Processions in Parliamentary Elections)
Regulations 2009, the permit bearing Serial No.:	is issued subject to the following conditions:

# General

- 1. The permit holder or his authorised representative ("Authorised Person") shall be present at the election meeting(s) (the "Event(s)"), for the entire duration of the election meeting. The appointment of the Authorised Person shall be notified to the Police Liaison Officer (Elections) in writing, by e-mail or by a letter signed by the permit holder.
- 2. The Authorised Person shall at all times be in possession of a signed authorisation in the prescribed form (Form 22 or 23 of the First Schedule to the Parliamentary Elections Act 1954 (the "PE Act"))(an "Authorisation").
- 3. In these conditions, person(s) who have been nominated in accordance with the provisions of the PE Act for election to any seat in Parliament, shall be referred to as **Candidate(s)**.

#### Set-up

- 4. The set-up of the Event shall commence no earlier than four hours before the start of the Event.
- 5. The permit holder shall ensure that the set-up of the Event venue is completed **at least two hours** before the commencement of the event, including:
  - (a) the designated stage, or any platform which is used as a stage;
  - a buffer zone of at least 5 metres between the edge of the stage and the crowd, and heavy metal barricades of at least 1.25 metres in height which are able to prevent the crowd from approaching the stage;
  - (c) any audio, visual or other equipment that is to be used at the Event, as approved by the Police Liaison Officer (Elections); and
  - (d) sufficient lighting at or near the stage, at all ingress and egress points, as well as at all pathways and walkways.
- 6. The permit holder shall ensure that the Event set-up is removed within four hours from the conclusion of the Event, except where an Event is permitted to be held from 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. (as stated in the permit). The set-up for such an Event shall be removed by 9.00 a.m. on the following day if it is held at a school site, or 10.00 a.m. the following day if held at a non-school site.

- 7. The permit holder shall ensure that the setting-up and removal of the stage and other noise generating activities, for the Event, are only carried out between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 11.00 p.m.
- 8. Notwithstanding condition 6, if another election meeting is scheduled to take place at the time-slot immediately after the Event, the permit holder shall ensure that the Event set-up is removed within two hours from the conclusion of the Event.
- 9. The permit holder shall ensure that the Event venue is set-up and organised in accordance with the attached site plans, and no changes shall be made to the layout of the Event venue without the prior approval of the Police Liaison Officer (Elections).
- 10. The permit holder shall put in place separate ingress and egress routes for Candidate(s), and for persons attending the event in accordance with the attached site plans.

#### **Speakers**

- 11. The permit holder shall ensure that only persons named in Annex A of this permit are allowed to deliver speeches and / or address attendees at the Event. The approved speakers shall not deliver speeches or speak on behalf of any person who has not been granted approval to do so.
- 12. The permit holder shall ensure that the approved speakers do not conceal their faces (partially or fully) at any point of time when they are delivering their speeches on stage.
- 13. The permit holder shall ensure that the approved speakers only speak from the designated stage, or any platform which is used as a stage, or in the designated area in the site plans, unless otherwise approved by the Police Liaison Officer (Elections).
- 14. The permit holder shall ensure that:
  - (a) Candidate(s) (apart from Independent Candidate(s)) shall only speak at events held by their own political party. They may not speak at Events held by Independent Candidate(s) or another political party even if they are concurrently members (of any type) of that other political party.
  - (b) However, Candidate(s) may be permitted to speak at Events held by another political party, or Events held by a group of Independent Candidate(s), as the case may be, if the Candidate(s) are also:
    - i. a member of the Central Executive Committee ("CEC") or its equivalent for that other political party;
    - ii. contesting as Candidate(s) for that other political party; or
    - iii. part of that group of Independent Candidate(s) (standing as a group);

The reference to a political party includes political alliances registered as a political party.

(c) An Independent Candidate(s) (who is not standing as a group) can only speak at an event for which a permit has been issued to him or his election agent. He will not be allowed to speak at events held by political parties or other Independent Candidate(s) contesting in the elections.

# Conduct and activity during the Event

- 15. The permit holder shall ensure that the Event does not display or exhibit any banner, flag, poster, placard, photograph, film, sign, writing, or other paraphernalia that involves any material(s) that is violent, lewd, or obscene.
- 16. The permit holder shall ensure that the Event does not involve any content or activity that may cause feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will or hostility between different groups in Singapore.
- 17. The permit holder shall ensure that liquor is not brought onto the stage or consumed on stage at any time during the event.
- 18. The permit holder shall ensure that all persons attending the event do not:
  - (a) Conduct any election activity (within the meaning of Section 83 of the PE Act) at the venue unless otherwise authorised to do so by way of an Authorisation.
  - (b) Carry on any activity at the Event venue, which is or involves any material(s) that is violent, lewd, or obscene.
  - (c) Carry on any activity which may cause feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will, or hostility between different groups in Singapore.
  - (d) Provide any public entertainment as defined in the Public Entertainments Act 1958. The permit holder shall ensure that all persons attending the event do not play music (including the transmission of recorded music by any type of electronic device), or any type of music-producing equipment (including sound amplifiers and / or musical instruments). The permit holder shall also ensure that no live-streaming or streaming (including of films, photographs, or any holographic representation) of any event, and no playback of recorded visual images or sound will be displayed at the Event.
  - (e) Display or exhibit any banner, flag, poster, placard, photograph, film, sign, writing or other paraphernalia that involve any material(s) that is violent, lewd, or obscene, or use indecent, threatening, or abusive words or otherwise behave, with intent to provoke a breach of the peace or whereby a breach of the peace is likely to be occasioned whether immediately or at any time after the event.
- 19. The permit holder shall ensure that the loud-speakers or public address system used during the meeting are not operated at a level that causes annoyance or nuisance to persons in the vicinity. No loud-speakers or public address systems used for the meeting are to be deployed outside the Event venue.
- 20. The permit holder shall ensure that the conduct of the Event does not obstruct the free passage of persons or vehicular traffic on any public road.
- 21. The permit holder must not operate, or permit any person to operate, any Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or drones at the Event.
- 22. The permit holder shall provide designated spaces that are acceptable to the Police, for the purpose of recording the proceedings. The designated space must be sufficiently large to

- accommodate any audio or video recording equipment deployed by the Police. The designated space(s) must have an unobstructed view of the entire stage and all the speakers to ensure a clear recording of the event's proceedings.
- 23. Police officers may be present at any event to maintain order and may order the termination of any proceeding or activity at the Event. In such an event, the permit holder shall thereupon immediately take all necessary measures to terminate such proceeding or activity and ensure that all persons gathered at the event leave quietly and peacefully.

## Contingency plans

- 24. The permit holder shall establish contingency plans for the Event and shall establish / maintain at least one (1) public communications channel (which may include channel(s) through traditional, main-stream or social media), no later than two hours before the commencement of the Event, for the purpose of issuing public notifications relating to contingency plans for the Event.
- 25. During circumstances where the contingency plans are activated, the permit holder shall issue public notifications through the public communications channel in accordance with the contingency plans prescribed for lightning risk(s), fires, and for where the crowd size within the Event venue approaches its maximum safe capacity.
- 26. The contingency plans shall address circumstances where
  - (a) There are lightning risk(s). To safeguard the safety of persons attending the Event, the contingency plan shall include the following measure(s)
    - i. If the venue includes a lightning warning system, the permit holder shall work with the Police and the premise owner, to put in place the measures set out at condition 26(a)(iii) once the embedded lightning warning system is triggered;
    - ii. If the venue does not include a lightning warning system, the permit holder shall ensure that the Lightning Alert Service by the National Environment Agency's ("NEA") Meteorological Service Singapore ("MSS") is monitored / viewed, at least once every 15 minutes to check for the risk of lightning;
    - iii. If lightning strikes are detected within an 8-kilometre radius over a 15-minute period based on NEA MSS' reading(s) / information, the permit holder shall: (1) work with the Police to suspend / terminate any proceeding or activity at the Event; (2) issue public notifications through the established public communication channel(s) that the Event is suspended / terminated and that entry into the venue of the Event will be denied until Police have assessed that it is safe for the Event to resume; and (3) position ushers to facilitate the evacuation of persons from the Event safely and in an orderly manner.
  - (b) There are fires. To safeguard the safety of persons attending the Event, the contingency plan shall include the following measure(s)
    - i. If the venue includes a fire warning / alarm system, the permit holder shall work with the Police and the premise owner to monitor the embedded system for the risk of fires;

- ii. If there are fires, the permit holder shall (1) work with the Police to suspend / terminate any proceeding or activity at the Event; (2) issue public notifications through the pre-determined channel(s) informing of the fire, that the Event is suspended / terminated, and that entry into the venue will be denied until Police have assessed that it is safe for the Event to resume; and (3) position ushers to facilitate the evacuation of persons from the venue safely and in an orderly manner.
- (c) The crowd size within the Event venue approaches its maximum safe capacity, as assessed by the Police. In order to safeguard the safety of persons attending the Event, the contingency plan shall include the following measure(s)
  - i. The permit holder shall establish an on-site communication flow with Police's Election Meeting Liaison Officer prior to the commencement of the Event, to acquire the estimates / assessment of the size of the crowd by the Police to enable the permit holder to follow-through with the subsequent measures prescribed below;
  - ii. The permit holder shall identify areas within and outside of the venue for deployment of ushers, to either notify *or* turn-away persons looking to attend the Event, or to evacuate persons attending the Event safely and in an orderly manner:
  - iii. Upon the venue's crowd size reaching **80% of the maximum safe capacity**, the permit holder shall issue a public notification through the pre-determined channel(s) that the venue's crowd size is at 80% of the maximum capacity;
  - iv. Upon the venue's crowd size reaching **100% of the maximum safe capacity**, the permit holder shall undertake the following actions
    - Issue a public notification through the pre-determined channel(s) that the venue's crowd size is at 100% of the maximum capacity and that entry into the venue will henceforth be denied;
    - Position ushers at pre-identified areas within and outside of the venue, to work with the Police to establish a complete lock-down of the venue, where entry to the Event venue will be denied;
  - v. If the venue's crowd size subsequently recedes from 100% to 90% or lower of the maximum safe capacity, the permit holder may undertake the following actions
    - Upon verification of the crowd size by Police's Election Meeting Liaison Officer, based on Police's estimates / assessment of the size of the crowd, the Election Meeting Liaison Officer will notify the permit holder if the complete lock-down of the venue can be stood-down;
    - If the complete lock-down of the venue is stood-down, the permit holder may allow re-entry into the venue again.

Other safety and security measures

- 27. The permit holder shall allow the Police to install any other safety or security measures assessed to be necessary in the interest of safety and security. These include (but are not limited to)
  - (a) Erecting concrete or other form(s) of barriers to mitigate hostile threat(s);
  - (b) Enforcing no-parking zone(s) in the immediate vicinity of the Event site;
  - (c) Erecting a perimeter cordon to funnel attendees to specified entrances so that they can be checked by the Police; and
  - (d) Police conducting physical checks on vehicles and persons entering the Event site.