



REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

MUNICIPALITIES ACT [CAP 126]

Municipal Council Elections Regulations (Amendment) Order No. 166 of 2013

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by paragraph 7(2)(i) of the Municipalities Act [CAP 126], I, the Honourable PATRICK CROWBY MANAREWO Minister of Internal Affairs, make the following Order.

1 Amendments

The Municipal Council Elections Regulations Order No. 60 of 1982 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 09th day of December, 2013.



Honourable PATRICK CROWBY MANAREWO
Minister of Internal Affairs

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS REGULATION ORDER NO. 60 OF 1982

1 After clause 31

Insert

“31A Cut-off date for using any money or donations in kind

(1) A candidate for election must not spend, allocate or otherwise disburse to the ward in which he or she is a candidate, any money, whether in the form of:

(a) any money obtained from any source of funding, whether in the form of:

(i) cash donations; or

(ii) donations in kind,

from the period commencing at the end of the life of a Council or at the date of the dissolution of a Council, to and including, the polling day.

(2) For the purposes of this section,

donations in kind includes, but is not limited to, food or food products, transport, transport fares, machinery, cooking utensils, building materials and furniture.

31B Exception on polling day

Despite section 31A, a candidate may, without the intention of corruptly influencing any person, provide food, drink, transport and accommodation to any person on the polling day.

31C Exceptions during the campaign period

(1) Despite section 31A, a candidate may during the campaign period:

(a) present a gift of a custom mat or an amount not exceeding VT1,000, or both, to a chief or any person of similar authority in an area for the purposes of holding a campaign in that chief's or person's area; or

- (b) provide food, drink, entertainment, transport or accommodation only to his or her agents; or
- (c) provide entertainment to the public for the purposes of entertaining the public during his or her campaign rally.
- (2) For the purposes of this clause, an **agent** of a candidate is a person approved by a candidate as a member of that candidate's campaign team.
- (3) To avoid doubt, this section applies only during the campaign period declared by the Electoral Commission for the purposes of the Act.”