



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### WARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Mazabuka Municipal Council will be conducting Zonal Elections for Ward Development Committees in all the 20 Wards. This is in accordance with the Local Government **Act No. 2 of 2019** of the Laws of Zambia.

The Minister of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD), through a circular number MLGRD/52/6/3 announced the dissolution of the Ward Development Committees effective 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 to pave way for elections of new office bearers. Therefore, the WDC election campaigns officially opened on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 in all the 111 Zones in Mazabuka District, and will go up to 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. All residents aged 18 years and above, with a Green National Registration Card, are edged to register as voters in their respective wards/zones.

#### Schedule of activities

SN	DATE	ACTIVITY
1	11 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orientation meeting</li></ul>
2	12 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024  <b>15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 (08:00 – 18:00 hrs.)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Sensitization/Stakeholder Engagement</li><li>• Distribution of Voter Register</li><li>• Voter Registration</li><li>• <b>Receiving and Filing of Nominations</b></li><li>• Voter Register Verification/polling station inspection</li><li>• Approval of Voter Register by Town Clerk</li><li>• Campaign period starts</li><li>• Publication and distribution of Ballot Papers</li></ul>
3	21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accreditation of Election Observers</li></ul>
4	22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• End of campaign period</li></ul>
5	28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Poll Day/Declaration of Election Results</li></ul>
6	9 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orientation of newly elected Ward Development Committee Members</li></ul>
7	24 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishment of the Ward Development Committee Executive Committee</li></ul>

#### Eligibility of Zonal Representative

According to the WDC guidelines, a person is eligible to stand as a Zonal representative if:

- Is a Zambian Citizen who has at least attained the age of 18
- Has a Green National Registration Card (NRC) or a resident permit in a case of a foreign national, and
- Has been a resident for a particular Zone for a period not less than two years regardless of their social status, race, greed, beliefs, or sex.

## **Eligibility to Vote**

“A person registered as a voter in the Zonal Voters Register may qualify to vote in Zonal elections provided that such a person produces a Valid NRC on the polling day. The information in the register should match the details on the NRC of the person intending to vote”.

For further clarification, kindly contact the District Planning Officer on **0979799363** or the Director of Planning on **0977676030**.



---

Judith Mukwita Maambo (Mrs.)

**TOWN CLERK**