

URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT**NOTIFICATION****No. UDD 230 GEL 2011, Bangalore, Dated: 20th March 2013**

Whereas the draft of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations and Municipalities (Property Tax Board) Rules, 2012 was published as required by sub-section (1) of section 421 of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976 (Karnataka Act 14 of 1977) in Notification No. UDD 230 GEL 2011, dated 03-03-2012, in part IV-A of the Karnataka Gazette dated 03-03-2012, inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby within thirty days from the date of its publication in Official Gazette.

And Whereas the no objections and suggestions have been received by the State Government.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 102C of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976 (Karnataka Act 14 of 1977) and read with sub-section (1) of section 101A of the Karnataka Municipalities Act, 1964 (Karnataka Act 22 of 1964) the Government of Karnataka hereby makes the following rules namely:-

RULES

1. Title and Commencement: (1) These rules may be called the Karnataka Municipal Corporations and Municipalities (Property Tax Board) Rules, 2012.

2. Definitions: - In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,- a) 'Acts' "means the Karnataka Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 (Karnataka Act 14 of 1977) and the Karnataka Municipalities Act, 1964 (Karnataka Act 22 of 1964) as the case may be,

- b) "Chairperson" means Chairperson of the Board;
- c) "Member" means member of the Board; .
- d) "Section" Means section of the Act.

3. Appointment of Chairperson : Additional Chief Secretary to Government or Principal Secretary to Government in charge of the Urban Development Department shall be the Chairperson of the Board.

4. Appointment of members:- (1) Commissioner, Directorate of Municipal Administration and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

(2) Two expert members who are not in the employment of the State/Central/Public Sector undertakings of whom;

a) one member shall be a person who is having knowledge and experience in the urban governance and law; and

b) one member shall be an expert in accountancy and valuation properties.

(3) "Expert non-official members" shall be selected by the State Government from out of a panel of three persons proposed by a search Committee consisting of Secretary to Government, Urban Development Department; Secretary to Government, Finance Department and Secretary to Government Revenue Department.

5. Salary and other allowances for expert members :- Every Expert non- official member of the Board, who is not in employment of the State/Central Government shall be entitled;

a) to receive basic salary equivalent to the maximum scale of pay of a Secretary of the State Government and Dearness allowance, City compensatory allowance and house rent allowances at such rates made applicable to the said scale of pay from time to time;

b) to travelling allowance at rates applicable to the highest class of State Government from time to time; and

c) to draw a sumptuary allowance of ten thousand per annum.

6. Term of expert members:- (1) Every expert non-official member appointed under sub-rules (2) and (3) of rule 4 shall subject to the pleasure of State Government hold office for a period of five years or until:-

a) he resigns his office writing under his hand and addressed to the Chairperson, and if his resignation is accepted by the Chairperson the resignation shall take effect from the date of his acceptance; b) he is removed from office by an order of the State Government, if the State Government considers:-

- i. that he has misused the powers of his office;
- ii. that he holds any office of profit under the Government of India

or the Government of any state specified in the First schedule to the Constitution of India, or under any local or other authority subject to the control of any of the said Government other than such offices as are declared by rules made under said Act not to disqualify the holder:

Provided that no such order shall be passed for removal under clause (i) against any expert non-official member without giving him a reasonable opportunity of being heard; or

(c) he had been adjudged as of unsound mind by a competent court of law; or .

(d) he has been elected as a member to a Municipal Corporation or a Municipality or Zilla Panchayat or Taluk Panchayat or Gram Panchayat or to the State Legislature or to the Parliament.

(2) In case of occurrence of any vacancy in the seat of Expert member, due to resignation, removal or otherwise, the State Government may appoint a new expert non-official member to fill the vacancy.

By Order and in the name of
the Governor of Karnataka,
B. RAMESH BABU,
Under Secretary to Government,
Urban Development Department.