

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Housing and Urban Development Department**  
**Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu**  
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**Subject:** Extension of timelines prescribed by Section 36 of the J&K Municipal Corporation Act, 2000, for conduct of election to the post of Mayor, Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

- Reference:**
1. Communication No. SMC/PS/Com/3282 Dated 14-07-2020 from Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation.
  2. Communication No. DC/DDMA/THQ/20/1357-58 Dated 14-07-2020 from District Magistrate, Srinagar (Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority, Srinagar) to Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation.
  3. Order issued by the District Magistrate, Srinagar (Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority, Srinagar), under endorsement No. DCS/DDMA/T-HQ/20/Camp-2 Dated 12-07-2020, prohibiting any inward/outward movement in red zones of Srinagar District.

**Government Order No.: 158 -JK (HUD) of 2020**  
**Dated : 15-07-2020**

Whereas, the post of Mayor, Srinagar Municipal Corporation has fallen vacant on 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 and is to be filled up within a period of one month, in terms of Section 36 of the Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Corporation Act, 2000.

Whereas, in view of the health pandemic-COVID-19, the District Magistrate, Srinagar (Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority, Srinagar) has issued orders as referred to above, prohibiting any inward/outward movement in red zones of Srinagar District;

Whereas, the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, vide his communication referred to above has informed that eighty eight areas of the Srinagar District have been designated as red/containment zones for the management of COVID-19, under the said orders of the District Magistrate, Srinagar, and that a large number of Councilors reside/fall in these areas;

Whereas, the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation has further informed that as a result of this prohibition of inward/outward movement of people in/from these areas, the conduct of election to the post of Mayor within the period of one month prescribed by Section 36 of the J&K Municipal Corporation Act, 2000, which expires on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, is not possible;

Whereas, the second proviso to sub-section (2) of section 36 of J&K Municipal Corporation Act, 2000, notified vide SO 219 Dated 15-07-2020 provides:

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*"Provided also that the Government may, if the circumstances so warrant, on account of reasons of internal security, public health including health pandemic, natural calamity such as floods, earthquake, snowstorm or an event of a similar nature or*

*any other reason which is a hindrance to the conduct of election of the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor, by reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the time limit of conducting the elections up to a maximum of three months from the date the office of the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor falls vacant."*

Now, therefore, in terms of the above proviso of Section 36 (2) of J&K Municipal Corporation Act, 2000, and in view of the difficulty in the conduct of the election to the post of Mayor, SMC due to health pandemic-COVID-19 and management protocol related to it issued by District Magistrate, Srinagar (Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority, Srinagar), the Government hereby extends the time limit for the conduct of said election to three months from the date the office of the Mayor fell vacant.

***By order of Government of Jammu & Kashmir.***


**Sd/-**  
**(Dheeraj Gupta) IAS**  
Principal Secretary to the Government,  
Housing & Urban Dev. Department.

Dated:- 15.07.2020

No:- HUD/SMC/01/2020-Sgr

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6. All Secretaries to the Government.
7. Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation.
8. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, with the request to affix this notification in his office.
9. General Manager, Government Press, Srinagar for publication in the Gazette Notification.
10. Private Secretary to Advisor (S) to Lieutenant Governor.
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