

## Overview of the Election System in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

The Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan makes it obligatory for provinces to establish a Local Government system and to devolve political, administrative and financial responsibility and authority to the elected representatives of the Local Governments.

The provincial Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has accordingly enacted the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Government Act 2013. This Act provides for establishment of Local Government Institutions at different level. The law empowers Local Councils to perform various development activities and to take up socio economic projects for the betterment of the people of the province. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Councils (Conduct of Elections) Rules 2014 provide the procedures for conduct of elections.

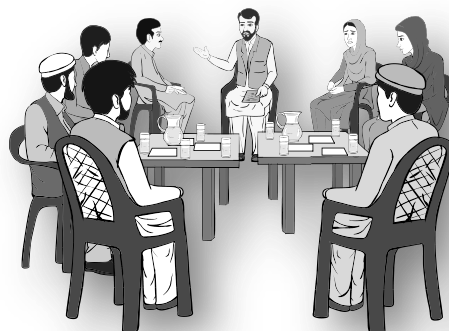
Under the Constitution it is the responsibility of ECP to hold elections to the Local Government institutions.

### City District Council and Town Council

General seats in a City District Council or a Town Council will be single member constituencies / wards and general members for both City District Council and Town Council will be elected directly on the basis of adult franchise in a joint electorate system.

Members for seats reserved for women, peasants and workers, youth and non-Muslims will be elected through proportional representation list system from the list of candidates on the basis of the total number of general seats secured by each political party in the City District council or, as the case may be, a Town Council.

Nazim and Naib Nazim of City District Council or a Town Council shall be elected from amongst members of the respective council by open division.



### District Council and Tehsil Council

General seats in the District Council or a Tehsil Council will be single member constituencies / wards and general members for both District Council and Tehsil Council will be elected directly on the basis of adult franchise in a joint electorate basis.

Members for seats reserved for women, peasants and workers, youth and non-Muslims will be elected through proportional representation list system from the list of candidates on the basis of the total number of general seats secured by each political party in the District council or, as the case may be, a Tehsil Council.

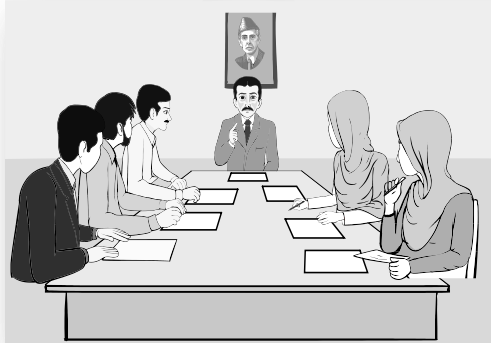
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### Neighbourhood Council

The Neighbourhood Council shall be a multimember ward for election of members to be held on non-party basis through adult franchise and joint electorate.

The candidates securing highest and second highest number of votes in the election to General Seats shall be the Nazim and Naib Nazim respectively of the Neighbourhood Council.

### **Village Council**



The Village Council shall be a multimember ward for election of members to be held on non-party basis through adult franchise and joint electorate.

The candidates securing highest and second highest number of votes in the election to General Seats shall be the Nazim and Naib Nazim respectively of the Village Council.