

[NAME OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT] URBAN ROADS BYE-LAWS, 2023

No._____ In exercise of the powers conferred by section 203 read with sixth schedule of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2022 (Act XXXIII of 2022), the [Name of the Local Government], promulgates the following Urban Roads Byelaws:

1. **Short title and commencement.** – (1) These Byelaws shall be cited as [Name of the Local Government] Urban Roads Byelaws, 2023.

(2) These shall come into force at once and shall be applicable to the whole local area of [Name of the Local Government].

2. Definitions –

(1) The following words and expressions, wherever used in these Bye-laws, unless repugnant to the context, shall have the meaning assigned to them as defined hereunder:

- (i) "**Act**" means the Punjab Local Government Act, 2022 (Act XXXIII of 2022);
- (ii) "**Bye-laws**" means the [Name of Local Government] Urban Roads Bye-laws, 2023;
- (iii) "**authorized officer**" means any officer of the Local Government or its entity who has been authorized by it to administer, implement and enforce the provisions of these Bye-laws or the Act;
- (iv) "**Local Government**" means a Metropolitan Corporation, a District Council, or a Union Council promulgating these Bye-laws;

3. **Terms not defined** – A word or term used in these Bye-laws, but not defined, shall have the same meaning as in the Act or the relevant rules or bye-laws made thereunder.

CHAPTER I:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 4. The administration of urban roads should follow the principles of unified planning, coordinated development, and equal attention to construction, maintenance, and administration.
- 5. The Local Government shall encourage and support scientific and technical research, the dissemination of advanced technologies, and the improvement of scientific and technical standards in urban road administration.

Chapter II:

Planning and Construction

6. The Local Government shall develop urban road development plans based on the overall municipal planning.
7. Urban road construction must comply with the technical standards for urban roads.
8. The construction plans for various pipe and pole facilities related to urban roads should align with the urban road development plans. These facilities should be built in coordination with the development of urban roads, following – as far as practicable – the principle of underground facilities preceding above-ground ones.
9. When new urban roads intersect with trunk railways, the construction of railway crossings at urban road and railway intersections should comply with relevant technical standards.
10. The construction of bridges and tunnels across or through rivers should comply with flood control and navigation standards set by the Government, as well as other relevant technical norms.
11. Local Government may systematically renovate and expand urban road intersections according to urban road technical norms.
12. Urban roads can only be put into use after passing examination and meeting the required standards. Local Government shall maintain the urban roads in good condition.
13. During the construction of urban roads, environmental protection measures should be taken to prevent pollution and damage to the natural environment. The use of environmentally friendly materials and construction methods should be encouraged.
14. The construction of urban roads should take into account the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and public transportation systems. Adequate sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and bus stops should be provided to ensure the safety and convenience of pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles.
15. The construction of urban roads should consider the principles of accessibility and barrier-free design, providing facilities for people with disabilities and the elderly to ensure their safe and convenient travel.

CHAPTER III:

MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

16. The maintenance and repair of urban roads should be carried out regularly to ensure their safety and usability.
17. Regular inspections and evaluations should be conducted to identify and address road defects, pavement damage, potholes, and other issues promptly. Emergency repairs should be carried out in a timely manner to eliminate safety hazards.
18. The Local Government may establish a system for the collection, storage, and management of urban road data. Data on road conditions, traffic flow, accidents, and other relevant information should be collected and analyzed to support decision-making for maintenance and improvement projects.

19. The Local Government may coordinate with relevant departments of the Government to ensure the effective management and maintenance of urban road facilities, including road signs, traffic signals, lighting, and drainage systems.
20. Public transportation should be given priority in urban road planning, design, and operation. Dedicated lanes (if possible), bus stops, and other necessary facilities should be provided to promote the development and efficiency of public transportation.
21. The Local Government should establish a mechanism for public participation and feedback in urban road management. The public should be encouraged to report road defects, traffic issues, and other concerns to the authorized officer for timely action.
22. The Local Government shall organize road safety education and publicity campaigns to raise awareness among road users about traffic rules, safe driving practices, and the importance of maintaining road safety.

CHAPTER IV:

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION

23. The Local Government should strengthen the administration and supervision of urban roads within its jurisdiction. It should establish a sound management system, allocate sufficient human and financial resources, and enforce relevant laws and regulations.
24. Illegal occupation, excavation, and damage to urban roads are strictly prohibited. The Local Government shall take measures to prevent and address such violations and hold responsible persons accountable.
25. In case of major accidents or emergencies affecting urban roads, the Local Government shall coordinate with relevant departments to take immediate response measures and propose remedial actions to prevent similar incidents in the future.

CHAPTER V:

LEGAL LIABILITY

26. Any person committing violation of any of these Bye-laws shall be deemed to have committed a municipal offence as provided under the Act and shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Act.