

L.N. 127 of 1981

CODE OF POLICE LAWS (CAP. 13)
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDINANCE (CAP. 105)

Polling (Restriction of Access) Regulations, 1981

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 81 of the Code of Police Laws and by section 16 of the Traffic Regulation Ordinance, the Commissioner of Police, with the advice of the Traffic Control Board, has made the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Polling (Restriction of Access) Regulations, 1981, and shall come into force on the 12th day of December, 1981. Citation and commencement.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.

“Chief Electoral Commissioner” includes any officer of the Electoral Commissioner’s Office duly authorised by the Chief Electoral Commissioner to act on his behalf;

“Commissioner of Police” includes any officer of the Malta Police Force duly authorised by the Commissioner of Police to act on his behalf;

“poll” means the poll to be held on the 12th day of December, 1981, for the election of members of the House of Representatives;

“polling place ” means a place where the poll is to be held and which is listed in the Schedule published by the Chief Electoral Commissioner in the Government Gazette on the 12th November, 1981;

“vehicle” means any vehicle, whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise, and any animal-drawn vehicle.

3. Unless authorised by the Commissioner of Police or by the Chief Electoral Commissioner, no vehicle shall have access to any street leading to the Counting Hall Hal-Far, or to any polling place and no vehicle shall go beyond a prohibitory sign with the words “TGHADDIX — NO ENTRY” or bypass any barrier or road block wherever put up by the Police at any spot in the vicinity of the said Counting Hall or places as from 5 a.m. on Saturday, 12th December, 1981, until — Vehicles prohibited access to Counting Hall and to polling places.

(a) the publication of the final result of the poll, in the case of the Counting Hall Hal-Far, and

(b) midnight of Sunday, 13th December, 1981, in the case of any polling place.

4. No pedestrian shall, unless in possession of a permit issued to him by the Chief Electoral Commissioner or unless otherwise authorised by the said Commissioner or by the Commissioner of Police, bypass or proceed beyond a prohibitory sign with the words “TGHADDIX — NO ENTRY”, a barrier or a road block wherever put up by the Police at any spot in the vicinity of the Counting Hall Hal-Far, or of any polling place as from 5.00 a.m. on Saturday, 12th December, 1981, until — Restrictions on pedestrians.

(a) the publication of the final result of the poll, in the case of the Counting Hall Hal-Far, and

(b) midnight of Sunday, 13th December, 1981 in the case of any polling place,

so however that this restriction shall not apply to persons in possession of the voting document entitling them to vote at that particular polling place and while such persons are on their way to that polling place to cast their vote or are returning therefrom after having cast their vote.

Prohibition of parking of vehicles.

5. No vehicle shall be parked in the vicinity of the approaches to the Counting Hall Hal-Far or of any polling place beyond a prohibitory sign with the words "TGHADDIX — NO ENTRY", a barrier or road block wherever put up by the Police at any spot in the vicinity of the said Counting Hall or places as from 5.00 a.m. on Saturday, 12th December, 1981, until —

(a) the publication of the final result of the poll, in the case of the Counting Hall Hal-Far, and

(b) midnight of Sunday, 13th December, 1981, in the case of any polling place.

Prohibition of loitering.
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6. Saving the provisions of section 18B of the Electoral (Polling) Ordinance, the Commissioner of Police may prohibit any person from loitering in the vicinity of the approaches to the Counting Hall Hal-Far, or of any polling place at any point beyond a prohibitory sign with the words "TGHADDIX — NO ENTRY", a barrier or road block wherever put up by the Police at any spot in the vicinity of the said Counting Hall or places as from 5.00 a.m. on Saturday, 12th December, 1981, until —

(a) the publication of the final result of the poll, in the case of the Counting Hall Hal-Far, and

(b) midnight of Sunday, 13th December, 1981, in the case of any polling place.

Duration and saving.

7. These regulations shall expire on the publication of the final result of the poll, but such expiration shall not affect anything done or omitted to be done, or any proceedings taken or to be taken thereunder.