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**REGULATION NO. 65/2009**
A COUNCIL OF REGIONAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION ISSUED TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVISED CITIES’ ORGANIZATIONAL CATEGORY DETERMINATION AND ESTABLISHMENT IN THE AMHARA
NATIONAL REGIONAL STATE  
WHEREAS, it is believed that organizing cities of National Region into categories and sub-categories on the basis of clear and appropriate criteria would enable them to identify their roles in advance and to make their contributions for the realization of all rounded development and progress of the region;

WHEREAS, Article 4, sub-article 2 of the Revised Amhara National Regional Cities Establishment, Organization and Determination of Powers and Duties Proclamation No. 91/2003 stipulates that a regulation would be issued setting the criteria for grades of cities and their organization thereof;

WHEREAS, Having been taken into account rapid development activities and related issues of cities and with regard to grade of cities and their execution capacity, it has been necessary to revise the previous enacting regulation thereof;

WHEREAS, it has been found appropriate to put in place a system through which the regional cities are to be, having been evaluated on the basis of clear and fair measurements and criteria, upgraded from one grade to another thereof;

NOW, therefore, the Council of the Amhara Regional Government, in accordance with the powers vested in it under the provisions of article 58, sub. Article 7 of the revised regional constitution, hereby issues this regulation.
PART ONE
GENERAL

1. Short Title

This regulation may be cited as “The Revised Amhara National Regional State Cities’ Organizational Category, Determination and Establishment, Council of Regional Government Regulation No. 65/2001.”

2. Definition

Unless the context requires otherwise, in this regulation all terms and phrases contained in this regulation shall have the meanings accorded to them by the revised Amhara National Regional cities Establishment, organization and Determination of Powers and Duties Proclamation No.91/2003.

3. Criteria for the Categories and organization of cities

To determine categories and organization of cities within the National Region, it shall be on the bases of the following criteria:

A. Population size;
B. Potential of revenue;
C. Occupation of city residents;
4. Grade Categorization of Cities

Any city within the region may fall into one of the following city categories:

A. City Administration Level City;
B. Municipal city;
C. Emerging town;

5. Sub-Categorization of Cities

Any city administration level city and municipal town within the region shall fall into the following sub-categories:

1. Sub-Categories of City Administration level city

Any city which acquires city administration status within the region shall be organized in one of the following sub-categories:

A. Small city administration level city
B. Medium city administration level city
C. Metropolitan city administration

2. Sub-Categories of Municipal City

Any city which acquires municipal city status within the region shall be organized in one of the following sub-categories.
6. Initial criteria for cities to be organized in a category at all level

1. Criteria for Metropolitan Cities

A. Population size: where the population of the city is 150,000 and more;

B. Potential of revenue: where the size of average annual income collected in the city, specifically other than land lease sale, is birr 10,000,000 (Ten million birr) and more;

C. Occupation of city residents: where 80% and more, of the total population of the city residents, engage in an occupation other than agriculture;

D. Strategic importance, where it:

• is conducive to investment;
• has conducive transportation flow;
• is selected for development center in selected development corridors;
• is conducive to tourism resource and/or tourism

The city that fully meets the criteria specified in the annexe;

E. Where the regional government specifically decides upon it with regard
to special benefits which the city may contributes to, however, provided that how it does not meet the criteria specified in the annexe thereof.

2. Criteria for Medium City Administration Level Cities

A. Population size: where the population of the city residents is 50,000 and more;

B. Potential of revenue; where the amount of average annual income, other than land lease sale, is birr 4,000,000.00 /four million birr/

C. Occupation of city residents: where 70% and more, of the total population of the city residents, engage in an occupation other than agriculture;

D. Other criteria: where it meets the criteria point 51.175% and more specified in the annexe including mode of the criteria specified under sub.Art.1 (D) of Art. 6 this regulation hereof;

E. Where the regional government specifically decides on it with regard to special benefits which the city may contribute to, however, provided that it does not fully meet the criteria specified
3. Criteria for small city administration level city

A. Population size: where the population of city residents is 25,000 and more;

B. Potential of revenue: where the amount of average annual income, other than land lease sale, is birr 1,500,000 / one million five hundred thousand birr/ and more;

C. Occupation of city residents: where 60% and more, of the total population of the city residents, engage in an occupation other than agriculture;

D. Other criteria: where it meets the criteria point 34.48% specified in the annexe, including mode of the criteria specified under sub. Article 1(D) of Article 6 of this regulation hereof;

E. Where the regional government specifically decided upon it with regard to special benefits which the city may
4. Criteria for Lead Municipal City

A. Population size: where the population of city residents is 10,000 and more;

B. Potential of revenue: where it may, in both lease system governed and non-lease system governed cities, collect, other than land lease sale, on average birr 500,000 /five hundred thousand birr/;

C. Occupation of city residents: where 50% and more, of the population of city residents, engage in an occupation other than agriculture;

D. Strategic importance:
   · Those cities which serve as a development center;
   · Those cities having tourist attraction; (conductive to tourism)
   · Those cities which are better in their transport flow

Those that meet the point 16.445% and more in accordance with the criteria specified in the annexe thereof;

E. Where it is a center /seat/ of Woreda Administration although it does not meet minimum criterion in accordance
with mode of the criteria specified hereinabove;

Where the Regional Works and Urban Development Bureau specifically decides upon it with respect to special benefits which the city may render thereof, however, provided that it does not fully meet the criteria specified in the annexes thereof.

5. Criteria for Sub-Municipal City

A. Population size: where the population of city residents happened to be 5000 and above;

B. Potential of revenue: where it is estimated that it may be able to collect income, on average, 50,000 birr /fifty thousand birr/ and more

C. Occupation of city residents; where 30%, of the city residents, engage in an occupation other than agriculture;

D. Strategic importance:

- Those which serve as a development center;
- Those having tourist attraction;
- Those which are better in their transport-flow;

Those that meet the point 10.355% and more in accordance with mode of the criteria specified in the annexes thereof;
Where the Regional Works and Urban Development Bureau specifically decides upon it with respect to special benefits which the city may render thereof, however, provided, that it does not fully meet the criteria specified in the annex thereof;

6. Criteria for Emerging Town

A. Population size: where the population of city residents is 2000 and more;

B. Potential of revenue: where it is estimated that it may be able to collect income, on average, other than land lease sale, is birr 25,000 /twenty five thousand birr /and more;

C. Occupation city residents: where 20% of the total population of city residents, engage in an occupation other than agriculture;

D. Strategic Importance

- Those cities which may serve as a development center;
- Those cities having tourist attraction /conductive to tourism/
- Those which are better in their flow of transportation

Those cities that meet point 6.857% and more, in accordance with mode of the
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Where the Regional Works and Urban Development Bureau specifically decides upon it with respect to special benefits which the city may render thereof, however, provided that it does not fully meet the criteria specified in the annex thereof.

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Cities within the region have been categorized as it is specified in the annex attached to this regulation

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7. Categorization of Cities

Cities within the region have been categorized as it is specified in the annex attached to this regulation

8. Adjustment of Categorization of Cities

1. Except under special circumstances, the categorization of cities shall be reviewed every five years. While it is being reviewed, only grades of cities may be adjusted without revising the regulation

2. The adjustment of city categorization shall, having been studied by the Bureau and submitted to the council of Regional Government for approval, be implemented thereof.

3. Notwithstanding the provision of sub. Art.2 of this Article hereof, Works and Urban Development Bureau may decide on grade and categorization of cities of lead municipal city and lower town level thereto.
PART TWO

BOUNDARIES OF CITIES AND THEIR DELINEATION

9. Boundaries of City Administration Level City

1. The boundaries of small city administration level city shall, depending on circumstances, encompass all land within a radius of 3 kilometers from the center of the city and all people living therein.

2. The boundaries of middle city administration level city shall, depending on circumstances, encompass all land within a radius of 5 kilometers from the center of the city and all people living therein.

3. Starting from the center of the city, the
boundaries of Metropolitan Administration city shall encompass:

A. The surrounding geographic region lying within radius of 10 kilometers and the population living therein.

B. Cities with a defined local administration status found within an average radius of 20 kilometers and the population living therein.

10. Boundaries of Municipal Cities

The boundaries of Lead and Sub-municipal cities shall, depending on development level of each city, include the surrounding geographic region within a radius of 1 to 2 kilometers from the center of the city and population living therein.

11. Boundaries of Emerging Towns

The boundaries of emerging towns shall, depending on the development of each town, include the surrounding geographic region within a radius of 0.5 to 1 kilometers and the population living therein.

12. City Boundary Delineating Committee

1. In accordance with the relevant provisions of this regulation, a committee to delineate the boundaries of City Administration
13. Working Procedures and Responsibilities of the Committee

1. The Regional Bureau of Works and Urban Development shall, pursuant to this regulation, issue detailed implementation directives that the Boundary Delineating Committee uses to delineate the boundaries of cities.

14. Approval of Detailed Boundary Lines

1. The Boundary Delineating Committee shall, having detailed boundary it delineated for city administration level reviewed and evaluated by the Regional Bureau of Works and Urban Development, cause same to be approved by zone administration cabinet.

2. Detailed boundary delineated for municipal and emerging towns by the Boundary Delineating Committee shall,
having been reviewed and evaluated by Zone Works and Urban Development Department, be approved by the Council of Woreda Administration.

15. Adjustment of City Boundaries

Where, after the boundaries of a city have been delineated in the manner specified above due to grade change and its upgrading and an adjustment becomes necessary depending on the progress of the city or in various reasons:

1. If the matter concerns city administration, the application is presented to the Regional Bureau of Works and Urban Development by the concerned city administration level city and viewed by the Bureau, it shall be presented to and determined by the council of the Regional Government.

2. If the matter concerns municipals and emerging towns, it shall, where the woreda administration and zone Works and Urban Development Department believes in it, be presented to and approved by the woreda Administrative Council.

PART THREE

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
16. **Power to Issue Directives**

The Regional Bureau of Works and Urban Development may issue directives necessary for the implementation of this regulation.

17. **Inapplicable Laws**

1. The Amhara National Regional State Cities’ Organizational Category Determination and Establishments, Council of Regional Government Regulation No.17/2003 shall be repealed by this regulation.

2. Any other regulation, directive or customary practice inconsistent with this regulation shall not apply to matters provided for in this regulation.

18. **Effective Date**

This regulation shall come into force as of the day of its deliberation upon and approved by the Council of the Regional Government.

Done at BahirDar

This 27th day of March, 2009

Ayalew Gobeze
Head of Government of the Amhara National Regional State