

**A PROCLAMATION TO DETERMINE THE SPECIAL INTEREST
OF THE STATE OF OROMIA IN ADDIS ABABA CITY**

WHEREAS Article 49(5) of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia provides that the special interest of the State of Oromia in Addis Ababa, regarding the provision of social services, utilization of natural resources and other similar matters as well as administrative matters shall be respected and the particulars shall be determined by law;

WHEREAS it has become necessary to enact law to determine the special interest of the State of Oromia in Addis Ababa as the Constitution stipulates so;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Article 55(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, it is hereby proclaimed as follows:

SECTION ONE
GENERAL

1. Short Title

This Proclamation may be cited as the “Protection of the Special Interest of the State of Oromia in Addis Ababa Proclamation No. ----- /2017”.

2. Definition

In this Proclamation:

- 1/ “Constitution” means the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
- 2/ “Administration” means the Addis Ababa City Administration;
- 3/ “Region” means the State of Oromia;
- 4/ “special interest” means constitutionally recognized provision of services, or the utilization of natural resources and other similar matters, as well as joint administrative matters arising from the location of Addis Ababa as it is found within the State of Oromia;
- 5/ “decedents of Oromo nationality” includes all the decedents of the Oromo nationality living in Addis Ababa City and its surroundings;
- 6/ “boundaries of Addis Ababa city” means the boundaries demarcated by the agreement between the Administration and the Region;

- 7/ “Surrounding Addis Ababa” means Special Zone of Oromia surrounding Finfine;
- 8/ “person” means and natural person or juridical body.

3. Scope of Application

This Proclamation shall be applicable within the boundaries of Addis Ababa city Administration and, as appropriate, in the Special Zone of Oromia surrounding Addis Ababa.

SECTION TWO
SOCIAL SERVICE SPECIAL INTEREST OF
THE REGION IN ADMINISTRATION

4. Education Service

School facilities providing education in Afan Oromo for the Oromo Nationalities residing within the Administration shall be organized by the expense of the City Administration.

5. Health Service

The urban and rural residents living surrounding Addis Ababa city, like that of the other inhabitants of the City, shall be provided with health service in the government hospitals and health institutions of the City Administration.

6. Cultural, Linguistics and Artistic Services

- 1/ To enable the provision of special interest services stipulated in this Proclamation to the Oromo Nationalities, Afan Oromo shall serve as working language in the City Administration.
- 2/ In convenient places such as squares, streets, localities and other similar memorials in the Administration shall, as appropriate, be designated in their original Afan Oromo names to sustain the historical events related to the people of the Region, the cultural and historical legacy that reflect the national identity of the Oromo people.
- 3/ The Administration shall facilitate the construction of theatre houses, recreation, cultural and artistic centers that reflect and demonstrate history and culture of the Oromo people.

- 4/ The Administration shall work in close cooperation with the Region to furnish museums of the Administration with the heritages and books that reflect the history, culture and tradition of the Oromo people.
- 5/ There shall be condition under which the public mass media of the Administration shall, in addition, use Afan Orom.
- 6/ The former establishment name of the City Administration *Finfine* in Afan Oromo, with respect to Oromia State, shall have equal legal recognition with Addis Ababa; and the utilization of these names shall be determined in regulations.

SECTION THREE
ECONOMIC SERVICES SPECIAL INTEREST OF THE
REGION IN THE ADMINISTRATION

7. Provision of Land

The Region shall, free of lease charges, be provided with plots of lands necessary for construction of buildings for governmental and public services.

8. Supply of Water

From the surface and underground waters of the Region, from which the Administration gets its water supply, the towns and kebeles of the Region at which water hole is drilled, dam is developed, or through which supply line of water crosses shall be provided with supply of water by the outlay of the Administration.

9. Transport Service

City bus and taxi transport services and railway infrastructure development and transport service shall encompass towns of the Region surrounding the City Administration.

10. Job Opportunity

- 1/ Youths of the Region inhabiting in towns and countryside surrounding the City Administration shall be made beneficiary of the job opportunity found in the Addis Ababa city.
- 2/ Youths of the Region inhabiting in towns and countryside surrounding the City Administration shall be made beneficiary of the job opportunity created in

relation to water development, waste management, power generation from the waste, water shade management, transport services and other similar.

11. Provision of Market Place

- 1/ Farmers of the Region shall be provided with market places to sell their agricultural products in an organized manner.
- 2/ The Administration shall build the market places and facilitate conditions necessary for operation.

12. Condominium House Benefits

The civil servants and officials of the Region living in the City Administration shall be provided with quota to benefit from the allocation of condominium houses built by public expenses.

13. Compensation and Sustainable Rehabilitation

- 1/ The farmers expropriated due to development activities within the Administration, shall have the right to get compensation for their sustainable rehabilitation.
- 2/ The farmers who had been expropriated without adequate compensation due to development activities within the City Administration shall, based on study, be considered for rehabilitation.
- 3/ An autonomous office shall be established to handle the issues specified under sub-articles (1) and (2) of this Article.

SECTION FOUR
NATURAL RESOURCE UTILIZATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION SPECIAL INTEREST OF THE
REGION IN THE ADMINISTRATION

14. Water shade Development

Conditions shall be facilitated to carry on water shade management by the outlay of the Administration in the towns and kebeles of the Region where water hole is drilled, dam is developed to supply water to the Administration or through which supply line of water crosses.

15. Protection from Environmental Pollution

- 1/ The towns and kebeles of the Region surrounding Addis Ababa shall be protected from environmental pollution and damage emanating from dry and liquid wastes disposed from the Administration.
- 2/ To protect towns and kebeles of the Region surrounding Addis Ababa from environmental pollution and damage emanating from dry and liquid wastes

disposal environmental impact assessment shall be conducted and based on the impact assessment necessary rectification shall be taken.

- 3/ The towns and kebeles of the Region surrounding Addis Ababa shall have the right be compensated by the Administration in accordance with law for damages caused to human, animal and natural environment due to dry and liquid wastes disposed to the Region without proper control, safety and above the required waste disposal standard.
- 4/ Quarry sites supply input to Addis Ababa city development shall be managed in such a way that they do not cause air pollution and be rehabilitated for forest or other development purposes.
- 5/ Solid and liquid waste treatment, recycling and disposal sites of the Addis Ababa city shall be chosen based on the joint study conducted by the Administration and the Region and be managed in line with scientific requirements.

SECTION FIVE **JOINT COUNCIL**

16. Establishment of Joint Council

- 1/ There shall be established a Joint Council of the Region and the Administration (in this Proclamation to be referred as “Council”) to deliberate and pass decision on issues specified under this Proclamations and other matters pertaining to common interest.
- 2/ The Joint Council shall be accountable to the Federal Government.

17. Head Office

Head office of the Council shall be in Addis Ababa.

18. Objective of the Council

The Council shall have the objectives to support the practical realization, efficient execution and follow up of the special interests of the State of Oromia in Addis Ababa, which are stipulated in this Proclamation, regarding the provision of social services, utilization of natural resources and joint administrative matters arising from the location of Addis Ababa within the Region as it is enshrined under Article 49(5) of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

19. Members of the Council

The members of the Council shall equally be represented from the Administration and the Region.

20. Powers and Duties of the Council

The organization, powers and duties, terms, meeting procedures, code of conduct of the Council members and budget shall be determined by a regulation to be issued by the Council of Ministers.

SECTION SIX
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

21. Duty to Cooperate

Any person or body shall have duty to cooperate for the implementation of this Proclamation, regulations issued under, and directives issued and decisions passed by the Council.

22. Inapplicable Laws

No law, decision or customary practice, inconsistent to this Proclamation, shall be applicable with respect to matters covered in this Proclamation.

23. Power to Issue Regulations and Directives

- 1/ The Council of Ministers may issue regulations necessary for the implementation of this Proclamation.
- 2/ The Council may issue directives necessary for the implementation of this Proclamation and the regulations issued pursuant to sub-article (1) of this Article.

24. Effective Date

This Proclamation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Federal Negarit Gazette*.

Done at Addis Ababa...../2016

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