REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

MUNICIPALITIES ACT [CAP 126]

Municipal Council Elections (Procedure Rules) (Amendment) Order No. 107 of 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 70 of the Municipalities Act [CAP 126], I, the Honourable JOHNNY KOANAPO RASOU, Minister of Internal Affairs, make the following Order.

1 Amendments

The Municipal Council Elections (Procedure Rules) Order No. 60 of 1982 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 5th **day of** August**, 2024.**

Honourable JOHNNY KOANAPO RASOU
Minister of Internal Affairs

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
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SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS (PROCEDURE RULES) ORDER NO. 60 OF 1982

1 Clause 21

Repeal the clause, substitute

"21. Election procedure

(1) A deputy mayor is to preside over the meeting at which the election of the mayor takes place.

(2) Despite subclause (1), if there is no deputy mayor, the oldest person who is not a candidate is to preside over the meeting at which the election of the mayor is to take place.

(3) If no candidate is elected as mayor or deputy mayor during a secret ballot under subclause 19(1):

(a) another secret ballot is to be taken; and

(b) the candidate obtaining the lowest number of votes in the previous secret ballot is to be eliminated.

(4) Paragraph (3)(b) does not apply if there are only two candidates."