



RUSTENBURG
PEOPLE'S PARTY

CONSTITUTION

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PREAMBLE

The Rustenburg People's Party, as a social and liberal democratic party recognises the importance of democracy, justice, equality, and freedom, hereby establish this Constitution to guide our actions and ensure the promotion of these principles in the Republic of South Africa specifically:

1. Inspired by a political and Constitutional vision that promotes and protects political, economic, social and cultural values in an open and democratic society;
2. Bound by political commitment to establish an open, free and reconciled society with democratic safeguards for all people regarded both as individuals and as members of the social formulations to which they belong;
3. Pledging our party to ensure, establish and maintain a stable, peaceful society, in which people can uphold and develop their individual and collective goals, without fear or favour;
4. To implement and uphold this Constitution with honesty and integrity.

THEREFORE SERVING A COMMON BELIEF AND VISION, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE RUSTENBURG PEOPLE'S PARTY AS SET OUT IN THIS CONSTITUTION;

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CHAPTER 1: NAME AND HEADQUARTERS

1. NAME

The name of the party shall be **Rustenburg People's Party**, hereinafter referred to as "the Party"

2. HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters shall be located in Rustenburg, North West, South Africa. The Party may establish additional offices as deemed necessary by the Party Executive Council (PEC)

CHAPTER 2: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To uphold and promote the values of democracy, human rights, and social justice.
2. To participate in electoral processes at local level to represent the interest of the people of Rustenburg, Kgetleng, Moses Kotane, Madibeng and Moretele Local Municipality under Bojanala Platinum District Municipality..
3. To advocate for economic development, social upliftment, and the eradication of poverty and inequality.
4. To foster unity and diversity, promotion a non-racial, non-sexist society.
5. To ensure transparent, accountable, and ethical governance.
6. To eradicate all forms of corruption, exploitation and intimidation.
7. To oppose any form of social injustice.
8. To establish and maintain systems to protect the political, economic, social and cultural rights of all people in Rustenburg, Kgetleng, Moses Kotane, Madibeng and Moretele.
9. To ensure equal and effective access to all available social, economic and political opportunities and equal treatment for all people in Rustenburg, Kgetleng, Moses Kotane, Madibeng and Moretele.
10. To co-operate with any movement or organisation acting for the improvement of the conditions of the people of Rustenburg, Kgetleng, Moses Kotane, Madibeng and Moretele.
11. To eliminate all forms of discrimination based on race, sex, colour or creed.
12. To give effect to the principles appraised from time to time by the appropriate organ of the party.

CHAPTER 3: MEMBERSHIP

1. ELIGIBILITY

Membership is open to any individual who is a citizen or permanent resident of South Africa, specifically Rustenburg, Kgetleng, Moses Kotane, Madibeng and Moretele Local Municipality under Bojanala Platinum District Municipality who supports the aims and objectives of the Party, and abide by its Constitution and Code of Conduct.

- i. An individual shall become a member upon payment of the prescribed fee, and shall be valid for one calendar year, commencing on 1 October, and ending on 30 September of each year.
- ii. A member may apply for an official position in the structure only after serving for a period not shorter than 24 months as an ordinary member, unless the relevant structure is newly established.
- iii. Members shall be eighteen years or older.
- iv. Membership fees shall be determined by the Party Executive Council, based on proposals by the Treasurer.

2. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership shall be made in writing using the prescribed form, and submitted to the head office. The PEC reserves the right to approve or reject any application.

3. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Members shall have the right to:

- i. Participate in Party activities and meetings.
- ii. Vote in Party elections and referenda.
- iii. Stand for election to any party office or structure, subject to eligibility criteria.
- iv. To elect and be elected to any office of the party at any level.
- v. To elect and be elected to any Committee of the Party at all levels.
- vi. To request the Committee of the party, including the Party Executive Council to consider any question, and for petitions.
- vii. A member may stand for, and hold any position in the party, save that one may not simultaneously hold more than one office bearer position.

4. DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Members shall:

- i. Pay membership fees as determined by the PEC.
- ii. Actively participate in party campaigns and initiatives.

- iii. Every member will uphold the Constitution, principles and policies of the Party, and will not invoke himself/herself in any activity that creates conflict, distrust, disunity and the good name and reputation of the party.

5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be terminated by resignation, failure to pay membership fees, or expulsion for misconduct, divisiveness as determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

CHAPTER 4: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

1. The Party is a juristic person, which shall have the power to sue, and be sued in its own name.
2. There is a difference between the roles, offices and functions which are political, and administrative roles provided that:
 - i. This shall not preclude those involved in political activities and roles from fulfilling their duty to contribute to the administration of the Party and;
 - ii. Both those involved in political activities and those attending to the administration shall respect and promote the principle that party structures are to serve and support all relevant Party leaders and constitutions equally and without favour, bias or prejudice.
3. There shall be one branch in each ward.
4. NIL
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6. Each branch/ward organisation will be primarily accountable to the office of the SGO.
7. Failure by a PEC member to attend 3 consecutive committee meetings without tendering an apology constitute a misconduct and shall be subjected to the disciplinary process of the party.
8. The Chief Principal and Secretary-General in consultation with the President shall establish portfolio committees for the following matters:
 - i. Party organisation and development;
 - ii. Justice/ Policing/ Security/ Public Safety;

- iii. Finance/ Economic Development;
- iv. Housing;
- v. Local Government/ Community Development/ Social Welfare;
- vi. Health;
- vii. Sports/ Recreation/ Arts/ Culture;
- viii. Tourism/ Labour Relations;
- ix. Senior Citizens/ Ethics and Party Discipline

A. CONSTITUENCY CONVENTION

The Party Convention (PC) is the highest decision-making body of the Party and shall be held every 4 years. It shall consist of delegates from all branches, the EC, and other designated representatives.

B. PARTY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (PEC)

The Party Executive Council (PEC) shall be the highest executive body of the Party between Conventions. It shall consist of the following office-bearers:

- i. President
- ii. Deputy President
- iii. Secretary-General
- iv. Deputy Secretary-General
- v. Chairperson
- vi. Treasurer-General
- vii. Chief Principal
- viii. General Council (Legal)
- ix. Additional members as determined by the Constituency Conference

C. DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT

The President of the Party shall:

- i. Have executive powers / authority
- ii. Be the political head and chief director officer;
- iii. Make statements for and on behalf of the executive and party on policy directions;

- iv. Have the power to give political and organisational directives to any member on issues affecting the party;
- v. Provide comprehensive account of the state of the party
- vi. Be the authority to provide a general overview of the discussions at the end of every meeting.

DUTIES OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT

The Deputy-President shall:

- i. Assist and actively support the President in the execution of his/her functions;
- ii. In the event of the President being absent and/or incapacitated, temporarily fulfil the duties of the President;
- iii. Execute duties in requested and directed by the President;
- iv. In the event of the President's resignation or death, assume duties and responsibilities of President of the Party for the remaining period of the relevant term.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Secretary-General shall:

- i. Be the Chief Operations Officer of the Party in charge of co-ordination of all political structures of the Party and of controlling the political offices of the Party on a day to day basis;
- ii. Formulation and implementation of the party policies;
- iii. Keep all the records and other documents as the case may be;
- iv. Exercise any other power and duties as directed by the President;
- v. Prepare annual reports on the work of the executive and such other documents which may from time to time be required by the executive.
- vi. See to the implementation of all the resolutions and instructions as directed by the executive'
- vii. Be to conduct executive's correspondence and keep copies thereof in his / her official capacity.

- viii. Take minutes of all executive's meetings of the party in accordance with this constitution and to keep the records thereof.
- ix. Work in conjunction with the Chief Principal of the party

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER-GENERAL

The Treasurer-General shall:

- i. Shall be the Chief Accounting Officer of the finances and assets of the Party;
- ii. Report to the President and Constituency Conference of the Party;
- iii. Administer finances, fundraising, budgeting and spending of the party;
- iv. Chair the fundraising Committee.

DUTIES OF THE CHIEF PRINCIPAL

The Chief Principal shall:

- i. Be the chief exponent and defender of the party, its constitution, policies, leadership and disciplinary principles;
- ii. Have the powers to facilitate and expedite the preparations, appraisals and execution of all party activities and programmes as head of delegation;
- iii. Be responsible for employment of staff at the HQ, and deployment of party members in and outside councils with the consent of the President;
- iv. Oversee the general administration of the Party;
- v. Pin all party communication;
- vi. Monitor and evaluate the responsibilities and functions of all executive members in consultation with the president;
- vii. Authorise all branch launches, events, activations, promotions, campaigns and road maps to conventions,
- viii. Centralise all forms of contractual engagements like leases etc;

DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson shall:

- i. Preside over meetings of the party's executive council, conventions and rallies of the party as directed by the Executive of the party;
- ii. Ensure that the meeting runs smoothly, guiding the discussions to stay on track and encouraging participation from all members;
- iii. Prepare the meeting agenda, open the meeting, facilitate discussions and keep the conversation focused and balanced;
- iv. Make every member feel confident and safe enough to share their views, challenge the views of others and reach a joint decision;
- v. Make sure everyone has an agenda and explain to every member what the meeting is about and outlines the rule of the meeting;
- vi. Make sure that each meeting is planned effectively and conducted according to the constitution and matters are dealt with in an orderly and efficient manner

DUTIES OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Deputy Chairperson shall:

- i. Assist the chairperson on providing strategic leadership;
- ii. Be to chair meetings in the absence of the chairperson;
- iii. Act as chair when requested to do so by the chairperson

D. BRANCH EXECUTIVE COUCILS,

Branches are the basic unit of the Party, representing local constituencies. Each branch shall have a Branch Executive Council (BEC) to manage its affairs.

Therefore the branch shall comprise of the following:

Chairperson

Deputy Chairperson

Secretary

Deputy Secretary

Eight (9) additional members

CHAPTER 5: MEETINGS AND DECISION MAKING

1. CONSTITUENCY CONVENTION

The Constituency Convention shall be held every 4 years, with a quorum of two-thirds of the delegates. Decision shall be made by a simple majority vote for constitutional amendments, which requires a two-thirds majority.

2. PARTY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The PEC shall meet at least four times a month. Quorum for PEC meetings shall be two thirds of members, and decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote. The decisions of the PEC shall be binding on all members and lower structures.

3. BRANCH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (BEC) MEETINGS

Branch structures shall hold regular meetings, as determined by their respective constitutions and by-laws.

CHAPTER 6: FINANCES

1. SOURCE OF FUNDING

The Party's funds shall derive from membership fees, donations, fundraising activities, and other lawful sources.

2. FINANCIAL MANEGEMANT

The Treasure-General shall oversee the management of Party funds, ensuring transparency and accountability. Annual finances statements shall be prepared and presented to the EC and Constituency Conference.

3. AUDIT

The Party's accounts shall be audited annually by an independent auditor appointed by the Constituency Conference.

CHAPTER 7: CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Members shall adhere to the highest standards of integrity, honesty, and professionalism.
2. Members shall not engage in any conduct that brings the Party into disrepute.
3. The Party shall establish a Disciplinary Committee to handle violations of the Code of Conduct.

4. Disciplinary procedure rules and Code of Conduct is detailed in “Annexure A” and “Annexure B”, attached hereto.

CHAPTER 8: AMENDMENTS

1. The Constitution may be amended by a two-third majority vote at the Constituency Conventions, provided that written notice of the proposed amendments have been given to all branches at least 2 months in advance.

CHAPTER 9: DISSOLUTION

1. The Party may be dissolved by a resolution passed by two-thirds majority vote at a special Constituency Convention convened for this purpose.
2. Upon dissolution, any remaining assets of the Party shall be distributed to charitable organizations, as determined by the EC.

CHAPTER 10: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The PARTY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (PEC) shall have the authority to interpret this Constitution and make rules and regulations to ensure its implementation.
2. This Constitution shall be binding on all members, structures, and office-bearers of the Party.

Adopted by the Rustenburg Peoples Party on 1 September 2025