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**S T A T U T O R Y   I N S T R U M E N T S**

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**The Police (Declaration of Gazetted Areas) Instrument, 2007.**

*(Under section 35 of the Police Act, Cap. 303)*

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister responsible for internal affairs by section 35 of the Police Act, Cap.303, this Instrument is made this 27th day of September, 2007.

**1. Title.**

This Instrument may be cited as the Police (Declaration of Gazetted Areas) Instrument, 2007.

**2. Declaration of gazetted areas.**

The following areas are gazetted areas in respect of which it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to convene an assembly, or hold a demonstration or procession at which it is reasonable to suppose that more than twenty five persons will be present, unless a permit has been obtained in accordance with this Instrument—

- (a) the whole of the area within Kampala City, including any street, road, lane, avenue, highway, greenbelt, square, central business area, places of public resort and residential areas; and
- (b) any area within a city, municipality, town or urban area in Uganda including any road, lane, avenue, highway, walkway, greenbelt, square, central business area, places or public resort and residential areas within that city, municipality, town or urban area.

### **3. Permit for holding an assembly, demonstration or procession in a gazetted area.**

A permit for the holding of an assembly, demonstration or procession of more than twenty five persons within a gazetted area shall be issued by the Inspector General of Police or an officer designated by him or her.

### **4. Application for a permit.**

(1) An application for a permit under this Instrument shall be made to the Inspector General of Police at least seven days before the day on which the assembly, demonstration or procession is intended to be held.

(2) The application shall contain the following—

- (a) the full name and physical address and other particulars of the person organising the assembly, demonstration or procession;
- (b) the proposed date and time of the assembly, demonstration or procession which shall be between six o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the evening;
- (c) the proposed venue of the assembly, demonstration or procession;
- (d) the duration of the assembly, demonstration or procession;
- (e) the address of service of the applicant; and
- (f) the number of persons who are expected to be at the assembly, or to take part in the demonstration or procession.

(3) The Inspector General of Police may withhold the permit altogether or issue a permit subject to conditions as to—

- (a) the place where the assembly, demonstration or procession may be held;
- (b) the number of persons who shall be permitted to attend the assembly or participate in the demonstration or procession; and
- (c) the time or duration of the assembly, demonstration or procession.

(4) Where upon receipt of an application for a permit, the Inspector General of Police is of the opinion that it is not possible to hold the proposed assembly, demonstration or procession because—

- (a) another assembly, demonstration or procession is proposed to be held at the same time and venue by an application already received by him or her;
- (b) the venue is considered unsuitable for the purposes of crowd and traffic control; or
- (c) for any other reasonable cause;

the Inspector General shall immediately notify the applicant about the circumstances.

**5. Reservation of the powers of the Police in respect of the regulation of public assembly, demonstration or procession.**

(1) The police shall retain the right to stop or prevent the holding of any public meeting, assembly, demonstration or procession—

- (a) held contrary to the provisions of this Instrument; or
- (b) where there is clear or imminent breach of the peace or public order.

(2) A public assembly, demonstration or procession held contrary to the provisions of this Instrument shall be taken to be unlawful and the Police may use all necessary force to disperse the assembly, demonstration or procession.

**6. Duration of Instrument**

This Instrument shall remain in force for one year from its coming into force.

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