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Kingdom's Cities and Villages**

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NOTES:

1. This translation is provided for guidance. The governing text is the Arabic text.
2. The translation of Saudi laws takes the following into consideration:
 - Words used in the singular form include the plural and vice versa.
 - Words used in the masculine form include the feminine.
 - Words used in the present tense include the present as well as the future.
 - The word “person” or “persons” and their related pronouns (he, his, him, they, their, them, and who) refer to a natural and legal person.

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Rules for Naming Streets and Squares and Numbering Real Estate in the Kingdom's Cities and Villages

Article 1

Municipalities, sub-municipalities, and multi-village municipalities shall undertake the task of naming the main and secondary streets and squares, and numbering real estate in all cities and villages in the Kingdom in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

Article 2

Committees composed of historians, literary writers, and experts shall be formed pursuant to a decision by the Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs, in coordination with the relevant governorships, to propose names for streets and squares; such names shall be approved pursuant to a decision by the Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs.

Article 3

In selecting the names of streets and squares, historical events, names of the Prophet's companions and their successors, scholars, leaders, names of Arab cities, and the like shall be taken into account.

Article 4

In naming streets and squares and numbering real estate, the following rules shall be observed:

- a) The city or village shall be divided into zones for the purpose of preparing the maps necessary for the naming and numbering process.
- b) The road network shall be classified into the following categories:
 - i. Roads.
 - ii. Streets.
 - iii. Avenues.

Each of them shall be named.

- c) The city or village shall be divided into four quadrants by drawing two primary intersecting lines that are nearly perpendicular, taking into account that these lines align with the two most important roads in the city or village.

Article 5

Numbering shall start at the nearest point to the two perpendicular roads or the city center, and continue in ascending order to the outskirts of the city or village. Such numbering shall be discontinued at the point where the street name changes, and a new numbering sequence shall begin.

Article 6

All real estate shall be numbered according to a unit of measurement to be approved by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, taking into account that the numbering of the real estate located on one side of the road is in odd numbers and the numbering of the real estate located on the other side of the road is in even numbers.



Article 7

The attached international standards approved by the Higher Commission for the Development of Riyadh shall be applied to the signs of the names of streets and squares.

Article 8

Signs shall be placed in a prominent place, taking into account that the sanctity of buildings are not affected. Signs may include English text at the bottom, provided that the Arabic text is more prominent.

Article 9

Without prejudice to any harsher penalty provided for in any other law, a fine not exceeding ten thousand riyals shall be imposed on any person who violates the provisions of these Rules.

Article 10

The violator shall be obliged to compensate for all damages resulting from his violation, including the costs of repairing the damage caused thereby.

Article 11

Detection, establishment, and investigation of violations of these Rules shall be made in accordance with procedures issued by the Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs.

Article 12

Violations of the provisions of these Rules shall be reviewed by a committee of not less than three Saudi specialists that is formed pursuant to a decision by the Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs. Committee decisions shall be approved by the Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs, and they may be appealed before the Board of Grievances within 30 days from the date of notifying the violator of the decision.

Article 13

The Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs shall issue the decisions and instructions necessary to implement the provisions of these Rules.

Article 14

The Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs may delegate some of the powers prescribed in these Rules.

Article 15

The Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs may grant exceptions from certain provisions of these Rules if there are grounds for such exceptions.

Article 16

These Rules shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force 90 days after the date of their publication.