

Law No. 19 of 1972 The Establishment of New Municipalities 19 / 1972

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We, Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar;
Having considered the Provisional Rules of Procedure, and in particular 23, 34, and 51 thereof,
Law No. 2 of 1962, organizing the Public Fiscal Policy in Qatar,
Law No. 11 of 1963, organizing the municipality of Qatar, as amended by Law No. 15 of 1963,
Decree-Law No. 13 of 1968, Decree-Law No. 5 of 1969, Law No. 1 of 1971, and Law No. 18 of 1972;
Law No. 14 of 1972, on the Establishment of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Ministry of Information;
The draft law submitted by the Council of Ministers;
And after consulting the *Shura* Council;
Hereby promulgate the following Law:

Articles

Article 1

The following Municipalities shall be established in Qatar and affiliated with the Ministry for Municipal Affairs

- 1 - The Municipality of Al-Rayyan.
- 2 - The Municipality of Al-Wakrah.
- 3 - The Municipality of Al-Khor and Al-Dakheer.
- 4- The Municipality of Umm Salal.
- 5- The Municipality of Medinat al-Shimal.

It may be permitted to create other Municipalities, by resolution of the Council of Ministers, or abolish existing Municipalities, or merge two or more of the same into one single Municipality. A resolution of the Minister of Municipal Affairs may be issued determining the geographical jurisdiction and constituent villages of each Municipality.

Article 2

To each of these Municipalities shall be appointed a Council, consisting of a Chairperson and a number of members not being fewer than four. A decree appointing them shall be issued. The Council shall elect from among its members a Vice Chairperson who shall perform the functions of the Vice Chairperson in his absence.

Article 3

Each of the abovementioned Municipalities shall have competence in the matters set out in Article 13 of the Decree-Law No. 13 of 1968 amending certain provisions of Law No. 11 of 1963 regulating the Municipalities of Qatar within the respective geographical jurisdiction of each, and the villages therein.

It shall be permitted for the Minister of Municipal Affairs to delegate certain of these functions to the Municipality of Doha.

Article 4

The Vice Chairperson of the Council shall have authority, in addition to the functions set out in Article 28 (a) of the Decree-Law No. 13 of 1968, to exercise the functions of the Manager of the Municipality as set out in Article 33 therein.

Article 5

The annual budget of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs shall include the appropriations necessary for such Municipalities to carry out the duties delegated thereto. Until the adoption of the budget of the Ministry for the following year, any expenditure necessary for the performance by such Municipalities of their duties shall be met by the State General Reserve. They may also make use of any surplus Qatari municipal resources.

Article 6

Save as otherwise not provided for in the present law, the provisions of Law No. 11 of 1963 and its amendments on the Structure of the Municipality of Qatar, shall apply to such Councils.

Article 7

All competent authorities, each in its respective jurisdiction, shall enforce this law with effect from the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

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