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COMMITTEEE ON LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

REPORT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DADAAB MUNICIPALITY CHARTER

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1.0 PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of the Committee on Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development and pursuant to Standing Order 191 (5)(f), it is my duty and pleasure to present to the House the committee's report on the proposed boundary alteration to Dadaab/ Hagadera municipality

.This is one of the Sectoral Committees established under the Standing Orders 191(1). Among its functions are to vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 185(Committee Appointments).

Mr. speaker sir,

The legislative authority of a county is vested in, and exercised by its county assembly as provided for in article 185 of the constitution of Kenya, 2010. A county assembly may make any laws that are necessary for incidental to the effective performance of the function and exercise of the powers of the county government under the fourth schedule.

1.1 Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Departmental Committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development is one of the Departmental Committees of the County Assembly of Garissa established under ***Standing Order 191(1)*** whose mandate, pursuant to the ***Standing Order 191 (5)*** is to, among others;

i. Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operation and estimates of the assigned department;

ii. Study programs and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;

iii. Study and review all county legislation referred to it;

iv. Study, assess and analyse the relative success of departments as measured by the results obtained

as compared with their stated objectives;

v. Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;

vi. To vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 185 (Committee Appointments); and

vii. Make reports and recommendations to the county assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

In accordance with the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider matters of county housing, street lighting, traffic and parking etc.

1.2 Committee Membership

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The committee on land, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development was established pursuant to standing order of the County Assembly.

The committee comprises of the following Members

1. Hon. Abdiweli Aden Abdullahi chairperson
2. Hon. Fardosa Jelle vice chairman
3. Hon. Abdirahman Muktar Member
4. Hon. Issa Aden Abdi ''
5. Hon. Ahmed Noor Aden ''
6. Hon. Abdirahman Mohamed Ali ''
7. Hon. Mahat Abdikadir ''
8. Hon. Mana Abdirahman ''
9. Hon. Fukrudin Haji Sadik ''
10. Hon. Noor Sheikh Farah ''
11. Hon. Timiro Bishar ''
12. Hon. Fatuma Mohamed Shide ''
13. Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim sigat ''

1.3 Acknowledgement

Hon, Speaker Sir,

The Committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development sincerely appreciates the unwavering support extended by the Office of the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly. Their logistical facilitation and administrative coordination were instrumental in enabling the successful execution of this assignment.

Hon speaker, Special appreciation goes to the Members of the Committee for their commitment, teamwork, and diligence throughout the review and drafting stages. Lastly, the Committee acknowledges the Committee Secretariat for their tireless efforts, technical support, and professionalism in compiling this report.

SIGNED:

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HON. ABDIWELI ADEN

M.C.A., Saka Ward

Chairperson, Committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development

DATE:

..... 18th June 2025 .....

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

We, Members of the Committee on Lands, Housing, physical planning and urban development have adopted the report on the amendment to Dadaab municipality charter and hereby affix our signatures to affirm our approval and confirm its validity and authenticity: -

NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
1. **Hon**. Abdiweli Aden Abdullahi	Chairperson	.....
2. **Hon**. Fardosa Jelle	Vice Chairperson	.....
3. **Hon**. Mana Abdirahman	Member	.....
4. **Hon**. Issa Aden Abdi	"	.....
5. **Hon**. Mahat Abdikadir	"	.....
6. **Hon**. Abdirahman M. Ali	"	.....
7. **Hon**. Abdirahman Muktar	"	.....
8. **Hon**. Fatuma Aden	"	.....
9. **Hon**. Fakrudin Haji Sadik	"	.....
10. **Hon**. Timira Bishar	"	.....
11. **Hon**. Noor Sheikh Farah	"	.....
12. **Hon**. Fatuma Mohamed Shide	"	.....
13. Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Sigat	"	.....

3.0 BACKGROUND AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

3.1 BACKGROUND

1. INTRODUCTION

Honourable Speaker,

On behalf of the Committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development, I wish to present this report regarding the amendment to Dadaab Municipality Charter, specifically on the revision of the boundaries of Dadaab Municipality. This report is guided by documents received from the Office of the County Secretary and resolutions agreed upon by key stakeholders.

2. BACKGROUND

Honourable Speaker,

Dadaab Municipality Charter was passed by Garissa County Assembly on **20th June 2023**, marking a significant milestone in the operationalization and governance of the Dadaab urban area. The charter provided legal and institutional frameworks for the establishment and management of the municipality.

However, following the implementation phase, concerns emerged regarding the demarcation of the boundaries as initially defined in the charter. Consequently, consultations were held among stakeholders, including the County Executive, the Department of Lands, area leadership, community representatives, and the County Assembly.

Following these deliberations, a memorandum from the County Secretary was submitted to the Assembly proposing amendments to the municipal boundaries as outlined in the original charter.

3. COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Upon review of the documentation and after internal consultations, the Committee made the following observations:

1. All key stakeholders including community leaders, administrative units, and relevant county departments participated in the review process and expressed consensus on the proposed boundary amendments.
2. The process aligns with section 4 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act 2019 (amended), which provides for the review and adjustment of municipal boundaries in line with public interest and planning considerations.
3. The amendment was necessary to correct inconsistencies in the original boundary descriptions and to reflect the actual administrative and socio-economic layout of the municipality.
4. The new boundaries will facilitate improved service delivery, better planning and urban management, and enhanced inclusion of peri-urban areas that are functionally integrated with Dadaab urban core.
5. The amendment takes into account clan and community boundaries, helping to foster unity and mitigate potential boundary-based disputes.

COMMITTEE RECOMENDATIONS

In view of the foregoing, the Committee recommends That;

1. This Honourable House **formally adopts and approves the proposed amendments** to Dadaab Municipality Charter, as submitted by the Office of the County Secretary and endorsed by all relevant stakeholders.
2. That the new boundaries be **gazetted** and updated in all official county urban planning and administrative records;

4. That the name **"Dadaab Municipality" be officially changed to "Dadaab/Hagadera Municipality"** to reflect the expanded boundaries and the inclusion of key population and service centers such as Hagadera, Kambios, Alinjugur, Borehole 5 in line with the resolution of stakeholders and the principle of inclusive representation.

CONCLUSION

Honorable Members, the review and amendment of the Dadaab Municipality boundaries is a timely and necessary step toward the realization of inclusive, well-planned urban governance in Garissa County. It reflects our collective commitment to responsive leadership and participatory urban development.

I hereby submit this report for debate and approval by this Honourable House

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF GARISSA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF GARISSA

Minutes of committee on Lands, Housing, Public Works and Urban Development held at the office of the chair on 18th June 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Members present

1. Hon. Abdiweli Aden .....Chair
2. Hon. Fardosa jelle..... v/chair
3. Hon. Mahat Abdikadir.....member
4. Hon. Abdirahman Muktar..... member
5. Hon. Fatuma M. Shide.....member
6. Hon. Fatuma Aden Abdi.....member
7. Hon. Timira Bishar..... Member

Agenda

1. Preliminaries
2. Adoption of the report on the amendments of Dadaab municipality charter.

Min 18/6/2025: preliminaries

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am. with the chair, presiding over the proceedings. He welcomed all members present and expressed gratitude for their attendance.

Min 18/6/2025: approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved without any amendments.

Min 18/6/2025: adoption of the report on the amendments of Dadaab municipality charter.

After a thorough discussion, the committee unanimously adopted the Report.

Min 18/6/2025: AOB

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11.50am.

Clerk Khadija Abdi Date 18/06/2025 Sign .....

Confirmed by Chair. Hon: Abdinuli Ade Date 18/06/2025 Sign .....