



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

15th September, 2026.

Our Ref: September26 – 13/JC/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the September meeting of the Council, the members passed the following resolution:

“That Clare County Council, in light of growing concerns regarding the safety, security and privacy of candidates and elected representatives, calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Government to amend the relevant electoral legislation and regulations to provide that candidates for election shall not be required to have their precise residential address published on ballot papers, notices of poll or other publicly available electoral documentation.

We propose that a candidate’s town, village or general locality and county should be sufficient for the purposes of identifying their geographical area, without the need to publish details which could identify their specific private residence.

The publication of precise residential addresses serves little additional democratic purpose where a candidate’s general locality can be provided and, in the context of threats, harassment and intimidation directed towards people in public life, can create an unnecessary safety and privacy risk for candidates, elected representatives and their families.

We further request that this motion be circulated to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and to all local authorities for their consideration and support.”

Yours sincerely,


John Corry,
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Corporate Services & Governance