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**SUBJECT: *Main Street Recovery Act: Proclamation of Amendments to the
Municipal Act and City of Toronto Act***

Dear Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks:

As you may know, in fall 2020, the government introduced amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *City of Toronto Act, 2006* through [Bill 215, *Main Street Recovery Act, 2020*](#). I am writing to update you that these legislative changes are scheduled to come into force on **September 19, 2021**.

As we collectively work to recover from the impacts of the pandemic, these legislative changes will help support economic recovery on main streets across Ontario and help ensure that important goods can continue to be delivered to businesses in our communities as efficiently as possible. Past pilot projects, which worked with municipal partners, have shown that the changes could also help reduce rush-hour traffic, lower fuel costs for businesses, and reduce greenhouse gas and other emissions.

From September 19, 2021 onwards, municipalities will not be able to regulate noise related to the delivery of goods to the following destinations:

1. Retail business establishments;
2. Restaurants, including cafes and bars;
3. Hotels and motels; and
4. Goods distribution facilities.

These changes will come into force on the same day as the expiry of temporary regulations (O. Reg. 70/20 and O. Reg. 71/20). These regulations, introduced at the outset of the pandemic, limit municipalities from regulating all noise related to the delivery of goods. From September 19, 2021 onwards, once the temporary regulations expire, municipalities will again have the authority to regulate delivery noise to destinations other than the four categories listed above.

Many municipalities, as well as business and logistics sector stakeholders, have expressed support for providing more flexibility for deliveries because of the benefits they offer Ontario's main street businesses and the local communities these businesses serve. Local businesses also have an interest in working to ensure that they continue to be good neighbours while planning for deliveries of goods to their businesses.

Prior to these amendments coming into force and for clarity for your stakeholders, your municipality may wish to review any applicable bylaws and consider whether any changes are necessary to align with the new framework. If your municipality has any questions on these changes, I would encourage you to contact your local [Municipal Services Office](#).

We will continue to monitor the implementation of this new framework. The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has regulation-making authority to authorize municipalities to regulate delivery noise to the businesses noted above. No regulations are proposed to be made at this time to minimize burden for municipalities and businesses but may be considered in the future if deemed necessary.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we work to support economic recovery in Ontario's communities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Manson-Smith".

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