

**PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990, C. P.13**

**Excerpts in effect as of October 20, 2024**

“area of employment” means an area of land designated in an official plan for clusters of business and economic uses, those being uses that meet the following criteria:

1. The uses consist of business and economic uses, other than uses referred to in paragraph 2, including any of the following:
  - i. Manufacturing uses.
  - ii. Uses related to research and development in connection with manufacturing anything.
  - iii. Warehousing uses, including uses related to the movement of goods.
  - iv. Retail uses, and office uses that are associated with uses mentioned in subparagraphs i to iii.
  - v. Facilities that are ancillary to the uses mentioned in subparagraphs i to iv.
  - vi. Any other prescribed business and economic uses.
2. The uses are not any of the following uses:
  - i. Institutional uses.
  - ii. Commercial uses, including retail and office uses not referred to in subparagraph 1 iv; (“zone d’emploi”)

**Area of employment – Under Section 1**

(1.1) An area of land designated in an official plan for clusters of business and economic uses is an area of employment for the purposes of this Act even if the area of land includes one or more parcels of land that are subject to official plan policies authorizing the continuation of a use that is excluded from being a business and economic use under paragraph 2 of the definition of “area of employment” in subsection (1), provided that the use was lawfully established on the parcel of land before the day subsection 1 (1) of Schedule 6 to the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023 came into force. 2023, c. 10, Sched. 6, s. 1 (2).

(1.2) For greater certainty, the official plan policies referred to in subsection (1.1) shall not authorize a use that is excluded from being a business and economic use under paragraph 2 of the definition of “area of employment” in subsection (1) on any parcels of land in the area on which the use was not lawfully established before the day subsection 1 (1) of Schedule 6 to the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023 came into force. 2023, c. 10, Sched. 6, s. 1 (2).