

MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. MSD:103/20

I, Tracy L. Allard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to Section 6 of the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA*), make the following order:

Given that the widespread community transmission of the COVID-19 virus, which impedes the ability of people to gather safely in groups, has created an unforeseen situation that will impact the municipal general election in 2021 for which the provisions of the *LAEA* are insufficient:

- 1. Section 30(1) of the *LAEA* is modified to allow the deposit to be provided to the returning officer by in-person payments using a debit card or a credit card to allow for the smooth conduct of the municipal general election in 2021:
- 2. That this modification is in effect only for the 2021 general election year.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this _______, day of _________, 2020.

Tracy L. Allard

Minister of Municipal Affairs