



ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS


Office of the Minister
MLA, Peace River

MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. MSD:056/25

I, Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to Sections 587 and 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*, and Section 6 of the *Special Areas Act*, make the following order:

1. This Order shall be known as the Special Areas Advertising Order;
2. Schedule A attached hereto is deemed to be part of this Order.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 7 day of July, 2025.



Dan Williams, ECA
Minister of Municipal Affairs

SCHEDULE A: Ministerial Order No. MSD: 056/25

SPECIAL AREAS ADVERTISING ORDER

A MINISTERIAL ORDER TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATE METHODS FOR ADVERTISING STATUTORY NOTICES

WHEREAS, section 587 of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, C M-26 permits the Minister to do by order anything in respect of an improvement district that a council of a municipality may do under this or another enactment and pursuant to section 6 of the *Special Areas Act* this authority extends to every Special Area as if it were an improvement district;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*, a council must give notice of certain bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings or other things by advertising in a newspaper or other publication circulating in the area, mailing or delivering a notice to every residence in the affected area or by another method provided for in a bylaw under section 606.1;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 606.1(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, a council may, by bylaw, provide for one or more methods, which may include electronic means, for advertising proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other things referred to in section 606;

AND WHEREAS, the Special Areas Board wishes to establish alternative methods to provide notice to the public of bylaws (ministerial orders), resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other things as required by the *Municipal Government Act* and is satisfied that these alternative advertising methods would bring to the attention of substantially all residents in the area to which the item is relevant to;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Special Areas Board, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This Order may be referred to as the Special Areas Advertising Order.

COMMUNICATION METHOD

2. Any information required to be advertised under section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act* of a bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing shall be given, in accordance with the timelines prescribed in section 606,
 - 2.1. Electronically by posting the notice prominently on the Special Areas Board website, www.specialareas.ab.ca.

- 2.2. Published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in at least one newspaper or other publication circulating in the area, where available and when available.
3. The Special Areas Board may also communicate the information in addition to the means outlined in 2. using one, or more, of the following methods:
 - 3.1. Newspaper advertising;
 - 3.2. Posting to one or more of the Special Areas Board corporate social media channels;
 - 3.3. Mailing or delivering the information to every residence in the area to which the proposed ministerial order, resolution or other thing related, or which the meeting or hearing is to be held; or
 - 3.4. Any other means determined appropriate by the Special Areas Board.