

Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities

Regulation Number(s): O. Reg. 530/22

Instrument Type: Regulation - LGIC

Bill or Act: Municipal Act, @01

Summary of Proposal: The Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, the Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022, and associated regulations give the heads of council (HOC) of certain municipalities strong mayor powers and duties. Currently, there are 47 Ontario municipalities where the HOC has strong mayor powers and duties.




The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 under the Municipal Act, 2001 to expand the list of municipalities where the HOC has strong mayor powers and duties, to include certain single-tier and lower-tier municipalities with a council composition size of six members or more, to help these municipalities move forward on shared provincial-municipal priorities.

Proposing that amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 would come into effect on May 1, 2025.

Analysis of Regulatory Impact: If these amendments are made, the strong mayor framework would apply to more municipalities. Currently the framework applies to 47 municipalities - the City of Toronto and 46 municipalities designated under O. Reg. 530/22 under the Municipal Act, 2001.

Local impacts will depend on how the heads of council (HOC) in designated municipalities choose to use these strong mayor powers and how the municipality will support the implementation of these powers and duties for the HOC. There are no requirements in the regulations that would result in new administrative costs for municipalities. Municipalities may choose to update local processes

and policies at any time, based on local needs and circumstances.

Further Information:  [PART V1.1 SPECIAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HEAD OF COUNCIL - Municipal Act, 2001](#)
 [O. Reg. 580/22 – Municipal Act](#)
 [O. Reg. 530/22 - Municipal Act](#)

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