



ALBERTA

ASSISTED LIVING AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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## Ministerial Order No. 2025-024

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1(a) of the *Alberta Housing Act* (the Act), "affordable housing accommodation" means a housing accommodation designated by the Minister as an affordable housing accommodation under section 31.1(1);

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 31.1(1) of the Act, the Minister may designate a housing accommodation as an affordable housing accommodation if the Minister is of the opinion that in the circumstances the housing accommodation is suitable for designation as an affordable housing accommodation;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 3(3) of the Act, the Minister may delegate to any person any power, authority or obligation conferred or imposed on the Minister under the Act;

AND WHEREAS Ministerial Order No. 2024-011 established the circumstances under which a housing accommodation is suitable for designation as an affordable housing accommodation and delegated to the Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Division, the authority to designate a housing accommodation as an affordable housing accommodation, and it is desirable to consolidate these provisions into a single ministerial order.

THEREFORE, I, JASON NIXON, Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services, pursuant to section 31.1(1) of the Act, do hereby:

1. Establish the circumstances under which a housing accommodation is suitable for designation as an affordable housing accommodation are that it must:
  - a. be owned or operated by a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the *Societies Act*, *Companies Act* or *Business Corporations Act*, a management body established under the *Alberta Housing Act*, a co-operative housing provider or a similar organization as determined under this Ministerial Order that has a stated mission or mandate to serve those in core housing need (as defined in section 8(2)(a) of the *Social Housing Accommodation Regulation*) or to provide housing to target population groups identified in *Stronger Foundations: Alberta's 10-year strategy to improve and expand affordable housing*;
  - b. be subject to an agreement between the owner or operator of the housing accommodation and the Government of Canada, Province of Alberta or a municipality, except for housing accommodation owned or operated by a management body; and,
  - c. have rental rates which are below market rates.

2. Delegate to the Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Division, the authority to designate a housing accommodation as an affordable housing accommodation, in accordance with the circumstances set out in clause 1, including the authority to determine a similar organization under clause 1(c).
3. Direct the Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Division, to create and maintain a list of designated affordable housing accommodations to be reviewed and updated at least annually or upon notification of the transfer of a housing accommodation designated as an affordable housing accommodation under this Ministerial Order.
4. Rescind Ministerial Order No. 2024-011.

DATED this 19 day of AUG, 2025.

  
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Jason Nixon  
Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services