



BILL NO. 32

Government Bill

*1st Session, 64th General Assembly
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**An Act to Amend Chapter 18
of the Acts of 1998,
the Municipal Government Act,
and Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008,
the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter,
Respecting Inclusionary Zoning**

CHAPTER 33
ACTS OF 2021

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
NOVEMBER 5, 2021**

The Honourable John Lohr
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

*Halifax, Nova Scotia
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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

1 Section 57 of Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the *Municipal Government Act*, as amended by Chapter 12 of the Acts of 2021, is further amended by adding immediately after subsection (3) the following subsection:

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a municipality may provide direct financial assistance to a business for the purpose of increasing the availability of affordable housing in the municipality.

2 Subsection 220(5) of Chapter 18, as amended by Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2003, Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2008 and Chapter 16 of the Acts of 2014, is further amended by adding immediately after clause (j) the following clause:

(ja) require and regulate the provision of affordable housing within developments, including requiring that a specified percentage of affordable housing units be provided within a development;

3 Chapter 18 is further amended by adding immediately after Section 223 the following Section:

223A Where provided for in a municipal planning strategy, council may accept money instead of all or part of any required provision of affordable housing.

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY CHARTER

4 Section 71 of Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, as amended by Chapter 12 of the Acts of 2021, is further amended by adding immediately after subsection (3) the following subsection:

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the Municipality may provide direct financial assistance to a business for the purpose of increasing the availability of affordable housing in the Municipality.

5 Subsection 235(5) of Chapter 39, as amended by Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2008, Chapter 18 of the Acts of 2013, Chapter 16 of the Acts of 2014, Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2018

and Chapter 10 of the Acts of 2018, is further amended by adding immediately after clause (jb) the following clause:

(jc) require and regulate the provision of affordable housing within developments, including requiring that a specified percentage of affordable housing units be provided within a development;

6 Chapter 39 is further amended by adding immediately after Section 238 the following Section:

238A Where provided for in a municipal planning strategy, the Council may accept money instead of all or part of any required provision of affordable housing.
