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The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Housing dated June 8, 2026, and pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 21 of the Acts of 2021, the *Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality Act* (the “Act”), is pleased to make new regulations setting criteria and factors to be considered by the Minister when issuing orders under Section 21A of the Act, in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the Report and Recommendation, effective on and after July 14, 2026.

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**Tracey Taweel
Clerk of the Executive Council**



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Schedule “A”

Regulations Respecting Criteria and Factors to be Considered by the Minister when Issuing Orders under Section 21A made by the Governor in Council under Section 23 of Chapter 21 of the Acts of 2021, the *Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality Act*

Citation

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Order Criteria and Factors Regulations*.

Definitions

2 In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality Act*;

“Board” means the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board;

“order” means an order that the Minister may issue to the Municipality or a utility owned by the Municipality under Section 21A of the Act.

Criteria and factors for issuing orders

3 Before issuing an order, the Minister must consider all of the following:

- (a) relevant and available data and information respecting water resources and wastewater and stormwater capacity;
- (b) public health and safety;
- (c) existing municipal and utility capital planning, and the condition of assets and infrastructure;
- (d) the potential impact to provincial, municipal and utility budgets, finances, and human resources;
- (e) the potential impact to rates, fees and charges;
- (f) any existing or potential funding sources or funding agreements;

- (g) any potential compliance issues with respect to federal or provincial legislation or Board orders and decisions;
- (h) any relevant information provided by the Municipality or the utility owned by the Municipality;
- (i) whether discussions with the Municipality and the utility owned by the Municipality to identify mutually beneficial solutions have occurred.