

The Municipal Government Act

The *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) is the second largest piece of legislation in Alberta, governing all municipalities from summer villages, towns, and counties to large cities.

While there are many pieces of legislation a municipality is governed by and must adhere to, the MGA is the overarching legislation that regulates the operations of a municipality and dictates much what a municipality may or may not do.

Municipal councils may make policy and bylaw decisions that enhance or compliment the MGA, but cannot make decisions that are contradictory.

The MGA can be found online here: [**Municipal Government Act**](#)