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# Municipal Business Licensing

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# Introductions

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# Agenda

**Legislation**

**Types and Reasons for Licensing**

**The Sharing Economy**





# LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

## The Municipal Act, 2001

**Sections 10 and 11 give the municipality power to pass by-laws with respect to business licensing**





# Municipal Act Sec 10

**A single-tier municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 8.**





# Municipal Act Sec 11

**11 (1) A lower-tier municipality and an upper-tier municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public, subject to the rules set out in subsection (4). 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 8.**





# What Does it Mean?

**Business licenses are permits issued by government agencies that allow individuals or companies to conduct business within the government's geographical jurisdiction. It is the authorization to start a business issued by the local government**





# **One More Reason..**

**Business licensing by-laws provide a regulatory framework to ensure;**

- 1. public health and safety**
- 2. nuisance control**
- 3. consumer protection**

**These are also referred to as the pillars of business licensing**





# Frequently licensed business

## Location Licences

**Food Sales**

**Personal Services**

**Motor Vehicle Repair**

**Adult Entertainment**



## Professional Licences

**Taxicabs/Limousines**

**Building renovators**

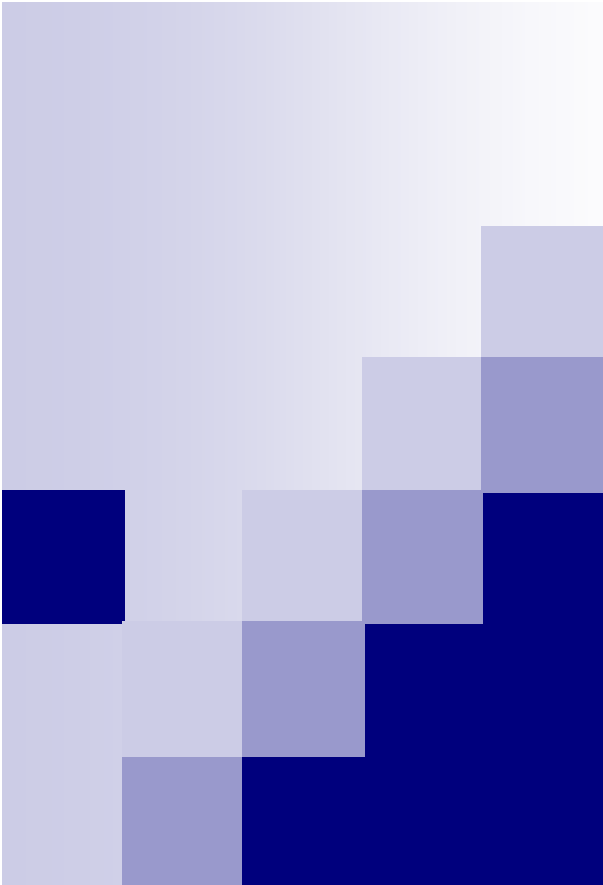
**Motor Vehicle Repair**

**Food Trucks**

**Landscapers**

**Tow trucks**





# **Group Homes the Anomaly!**

**According to the Municipal Act 2001, municipalities are only permitted to register, but not regulate, a group home**



# Group Homes

**Although licensed by the Province, group homes are most often owned privately by a group home operator or a service agency. This is subject to a service agreement, which outlines responsibilities of group homes and may require the development of processes for dealing with resident concerns, as well as inspections to ensure compliance with ministry standards including training of staff, documentation, files, interior maintenance of the home and overall safety.**





# Lodging Houses

## Concerns

## Typical Checks:

**Zoning**

**Fire**

**Building**

**HVAC and ESA**





# The Fire Code

**The Ontario Fire code is mandated by the Ontario Fire Marshall and ensures fire safety procedures. This is enforced under the provincial offences act and supersede any bylaw put into place.**





# Licensing By-laws

## What will the Municipality License?

**Tow trucks?**

**Tow truck drivers?**

**Food Trucks?**

**Airbnb?**





# The Sharing Economy

**Transportation Network  
Companies - Uber**

**Short Term Accommodation -  
AirBnB**



# Software

<https://www.bizpal.ca/>





# What is it?

**BizPaL is an online service that benefits Canadian businesses by helping them identify which permits and licences they require and how to obtain them.**





# Questions and Answers

**Any Questions?**

