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Ministerial Order Approved to Support COVID-19-Safe Municipal Nomination Process

The Honourable Tracy Allard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, has approved [Ministerial Order No. MSD:103/20](#), which amends section 30(1) of the [Local Authorities Election Act](#) to allow municipalities to accept candidate nomination deposits by debit or credit card when the municipal election nomination period opens on January 1, 2021.

This change is intended to reduce physical contact between election candidates and municipal staff due to COVID-19 health risks and is in effect only for 2021.

RMA is collaborating with the Government of Alberta and other municipal organizations to consider additional changes to the nomination and election process to support the health and safety of candidates, municipal staff, and voters. Any additional changes will be shared with members moving forward.

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