Mixed use development

A mixed use development is a condominium with any combination of residential, non-residential, conventional, and bare land units. A common example of mixed use development is one with retail and commercial space on the ground floor and with residential units above.

Sections

In a mixed use development, different types of units may be organized into sections (such as groups) within a corporation. For example, a mixed use condominium containing residential and non-residential units could designate a section to represent each type of unit.

Bylaws

Each section is managed through bylaws. The bylaws can set out:

- separate rules on how the units, common property, and the common assets in the section are managed and used;
- duties of each section of the corporation and who is authorized to carry them out;
- common expenses in managing the section;
- exclusive use of the common property and common assets of the section;
- voting and meetings of eligible voters in the section;
- section representation on the condominium board; and
- insurance requirements for the section.

The bylaws cannot conflict with the *Condominium Act*, 2015 and its regulations or any other Act or regulation. A section's bylaws also cannot be inconsistent with the requirements set out in the condominium's declaration or its schedules.

Bylaw amendments affecting sections

Canceling or creating new sections will require an amendment of the bylaws.

If bylaw amendments relate to only a specific section, then only eligible voters of that section can amend those bylaws through a special resolution. If bylaw amendments affect the units in one or more sections differently than units in the other sections, then, bylaw amendments must be passed by a special resolution of both the eligible voters in that section and all the eligible voters in the corporation.

Administration of sections

Eligible voters can carry out separate meetings and resolutions in a section to decide on matters related to that section, including bylaw amendments.



Section finances

For presentation at the second and each subsequent annual general meeting, the board of a mixed use condominium corporation must prepare and propose a sub-budget for each section, if sections are created in the bylaws.

Unit owners who are part of a section will pay the portion of the common expenses for the section as a portion of their monthly condominium fee.

⚠ Note: this fact sheet is based on the Condominium Act, 2015 and its regulations which come into force October 1, 2022. It is intended as a simplified general resource and is not to be considered legal advice or legal opinion. Please seek legal advice about any specific issues.



