

RS-2 District Schedule

1 Intent

The intent of this Schedule is primarily to maintain the single-family residential character of the District, but also to conditionally permit laneway houses and in some instances the conversion of large homes to contain additional accommodation, and some two-family and multiple-family dwellings and infill and multiple conversion dwellings in conjunction with retention of character houses.

2 Outright Approval Uses

2.1 Subject to all other provisions of this By-law and to compliance with the regulations of this Schedule, the uses listed in section 2.2 shall be permitted in this District and shall be issued a permit.

2.2 Uses

2.2.A • Accessory Buildings customarily ancillary to any of the uses listed in this Schedule, provided that:

- (a) no accessory building exceeds 3.7 m in height measured to the highest point of the roof if a flat roof, to the deck line of a mansard roof, or to the mean height level between the eaves and the ridge of a gable, hip or gambrel roof, provided that no portion of an accessory building may exceed 4.6 m in height;
- (b) all accessory buildings are located in the rear yard and in no case are less than 3.1 m from the ultimate centre line of any rear or flanking lane and less than 1.5 m from a flanking street, subject also to the provisions of section 11.1 of this By-law;
- (c) the total floor area, measured to the extreme outer limits of the building, of all accessory buildings is not greater than 35 percent of the minimum rear yard prescribed in this Schedule, or 48 m², whichever is the greater, except that the floor area of a laneway house shall be deducted from the total allowable accessory building floor area;
- (d) not more than 80 percent of the width of the rear yard of any lot is occupied by accessory buildings.

- Accessory Uses customarily ancillary to any of the uses listed in this section.

2.2.DW [Dwelling]

- One-Family Dwelling.

2.2.I [Institutional]

- Community Care Facility – Class A, subject to the regulations and relaxations that apply to a one-family dwelling.

3 Conditional Approval Uses

3.1 Subject to all other provisions of this By-law, including section 3.3.3, and the provisions and regulations of this Schedule, the Development Permit Board may approve any of the uses listed in section 3.2, including such conditions as it may decide provided that it first considers:

- (a) the intent of this Schedule and all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council; and
- (b) the submission of any advisory group, property owner or tenant.

3.2 Uses

- 3.2.A
- Accessory Buildings customarily ancillary to any of the uses listed in this Schedule, other than as provided for in section 2.2.A of this Schedule.
 - Accessory Uses customarily ancillary to any of the uses listed in this section.
- 3.2.AG [Agricultural]
- Urban Farm - Class A, subject to the provisions of section 11.29 of this By-law.
- 3.2.C [Cultural and Recreational]
- Community Centre or Neighbourhood House.
 - Library in conjunction with a Community Centre.
 - Park or Playground.
- 3.2.D
- Deposition or extraction of material so as to alter the configuration of the land.
- 3.2.DW [Dwelling]
- Dwelling Units, up to a maximum of two, in conjunction with a neighbourhood grocery store existing as of July 29, 1980, subject to the provisions of section 11.16 of this By-law.
 - Infill.
 - Infill in conjunction with retention of a character house existing on the site as of January 16, 2018
 - Multiple Conversion Dwelling, provided that:
 - (a) before making a decision the Development Permit Board shall consider the quality and livability of the resulting units, the suitability of the building for conversion in terms of age and size, the effect of the conversion on adjacent properties and whether the building contributes to the neighbourhood character of the area; and
 - (b) building additions shall not be permitted.
 - Multiple Dwelling.
 - One-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite.
 - Two-Family Dwelling.
 - Seniors Supportive or Assisted Housing, subject to section 11.17 of this By-law.
 - Laneway House, subject to the provisions of section 11.24 of this By-law.
 - Multiple Conversion Dwelling, in conjunction with retention of a character house existing on the site as of January 16, 2018, that contains no housekeeping or sleeping units.
- 3.2.I [Institutional]
- Ambulance Station.
 - Child Day Care Facility.
 - Church, subject to the provisions of section 11.7 of this By-law.
 - Hospital, subject to the provisions of section 11.9 of this By-law.
 - Public Authority Use essential in this District.
 - School - Elementary or Secondary, subject to the provisions of section 11.8 of this By-law.
 - Social Service Centre.
 - Community Care Facility – Class B, subject to the provisions of section 11.17 of this By-law.
 - Group Residence, subject to the provisions of section 11.17 of this By-law.
- 3.2.O [Office]
- Temporary Sales Office, subject to the provisions of section 11.26 of this By-law.

- 3.2.P [Parking]
- Parking Area ancillary to a principal use on an adjacent site.
- 3.2.R [Retail]
- Farmers' Market, subject to the provisions of Section 11.21 of this By-law. *Compatibility with nearby sites, parking, traffic, noise, hours of operation, size of facility, pedestrian amenity.*
 - Neighbourhood Grocery Store existing as of July 29, 1980, subject to the provisions of section 11.16 of this By-law.
 - Public Bike Share.
- 3.2.S [Service]
- Bed and Breakfast Accommodation, subject to the provisions of section 11.4 of this By-law.
- 3.2.U [Utility and Communication]
- Public Utility.

4 Regulations

All uses approved under sections 2 and 3 of this District Schedule shall be subject to the following regulations.

4.1 Site Area

4.1.1 The minimum site area shall be:

- 334 m² for a one-family dwelling;
- 334 m² for a one-family dwelling with secondary suite;
- 668 m² for a two-family dwelling;
- 929 m² for a multiple dwelling or infill.

4.1.2 Where the site size is less than 9.8 m in width or less than 334 m² in area, the design of any new dwelling shall first require the approval of the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board, as the case may be.

4.2 Frontage -- Not Applicable.

4.3 Height

4.3.1 A building shall not exceed 10.7 m in height and shall not have more than 2½ storeys.

4.3.2 Notwithstanding any other provisions in this By-law, the Director of Planning may relax the height requirement to accommodate building features designed to reduce energy consumption in a Passive House, if the Director of Planning first considers:

- the intent of the relevant schedule;
- all applicable Council policies and guidelines;
- the relationship of the development to nearby residential development;
- the submission of any advisory group, property owner or tenant; and
- the relaxation does not exceed .5 m,

except that this relaxation shall not apply to laneway houses.

4.4 Front Yard

- 4.4.1 A front yard with a minimum depth of 7.3 m shall be provided.
- 4.4.2 In the case of a site having an average depth of less than 36.5 m, the required front yard may be reduced in accordance with section 11.2 of this By-law.

4.5 Side Yards

- 4.5.1 A side yard with a minimum width of 10 percent of the width of the site shall be provided on each side of the building, except that it need not be more than 1.5 m in width.
- 4.5.2 In the case of a corner site which has located at its rear, with or without the intervention of a lane, a site which fronts on the street flanking the corner site, the exterior side yard shall be regulated by the provisions of section 11.1 of this By-law.
- 4.5.3 For a multiple dwelling or infill, a side yard with a minimum width of 2.1 m shall be provided on each side of any principal building, but the minimum width shall be increased, subject to section 4.5.4, so that the outer walls of the building are contained within a 135 degree angle extended horizontally and measured inwardly from any and all points on the side property lines.
- 4.5.4 For a multiple dwelling on a site greater than 45.4 m in depth the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board, as the case may be, may permit a greater degree of angle provided the following are first taken into account:
- (a) the height, bulk, location and overall design of the proposed development and its effects on the site, surrounding buildings and streets;
 - (b) the amount of open space, and the effects of overall design on the general amenity of the area; and
 - (c) the design and livability of the dwelling units proposed.

4.6 Rear Yard

- 4.6.1 A rear yard with a minimum depth of 10.7 m shall be provided, except that where the rear of the site abuts a lane, this required minimum depth shall be decreased by the lane width between the rear property line and the ultimate centre line of the lane.
- 4.6.2 In the case of a site having an average depth of less than 36.5 m, the required rear yard may be reduced in accordance with section 11.2 of this By-law.
- 4.6.3 Where a building line has been established pursuant to the provisions of section 14.2 of this By-law, such building line shall be deemed to be the southerly boundary of any required rear yard on lands described in "Plan A" of Part III of Schedule E to this By-law, notwithstanding any dimension contained herein.

4.7 Floor Space Ratio

- 4.7.1 The floor space ratio shall not exceed 0.60, except:
- (a) for multiple dwellings or sites with infill in which cases the floor space ratio shall not exceed 0.75;
 - (b) if:
 - (i) the area of all floors at or above finished grade does not exceed a floor space ratio of 0.45,

- (ii) the area of any floor, including the basement or cellar, does not exceed a floor space ratio of 0.25, and
- (iii) no portion of the basement or cellar projects horizontally beyond the perimeter of the first storey, which perimeter includes covered porches, in which case, an increase in the floor space ratio to 0.70 is permissible;
- (c) for buildings existing prior to July 7, 2009, if:
 - (i) the area of all floors at or above finished grade does not exceed the lesser of a floor space ratio of 0.50 and the existing floor space ratio,
 - (ii) the area of all floors at, above or below finished grade does not exceed a floor space ratio of 0.75,
 - (iii) the area of any floor, including the basement or cellar, does not exceed a floor space ratio of 0.25, and
 - (iv) no portion of the basement or cellar projects horizontally beyond the perimeter of the first storey, including covered porches, a basement or cellar is permissible;
- (d) the Director of Planning may increase the maximum permitted floor space ratio to 0.75 to facilitate an addition to a character house, if the Director of Planning first considers the intent of this Schedule and all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council; and
- (e) the Director of Planning may increase the maximum permitted floor space ratio to 0.85 for infill in conjunction with retention of a character house, if the Director of Planning first considers the intent of this Schedule and all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council.

4.7.2 The following shall be included in the computation of floor space ratio:

- (a) all floors, including earthen floor, to be measured to the extreme outer limits of the building;
- (b) stairways, fire escapes, elevator shafts and other features which the Director of Planning considers similar, to be measured by their gross cross-sectional areas and included in the measurements for each floor at which they are located; and
- (c) the floor area of bay windows, regardless of seat height, location on building or relationship to yard setbacks, in excess of the product of the total floor area permitted above the basement times 0.01.

4.7.3 The following shall be excluded in the computation of floor space ratio:

- (a) open residential balconies or sundecks, and any other appurtenances which, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, are similar to the foregoing, provided that the total area of all exclusions does not exceed eight percent of the permitted residential floor area;
- (b) patios and roof gardens, provided that the Director of Planning first approves the design of sunroofs and walls;
- (c) where floors are used for off-street parking and loading, the taking on or discharging of passengers, bicycle storage in multiple conversion dwellings containing 3 or more units or in multiple dwellings or uses which in the opinion of the Director of Planning are similar to the foregoing, those floors or portions thereof so used, which:
 - (i) are at or below the base surface, provided that the maximum exclusion for a parking space shall not exceed 7.3 m in length; or
 - (ii) are above the base surface and where developed as off-street parking are located in an accessory building situated in the rear yard, provided that the maximum exclusion for a parking space shall not exceed 7.3 m in length.
- (d) child day care facilities to a maximum floor area of 10 percent of the permitted floor area, provided the Director of Planning, on the advice of the Director of Social Planning, is satisfied that there is a need for a day care facility in the immediate neighbourhood;
- (e) areas of undeveloped floors which are located
 - (i) above the highest storey or half-storey and to which there is no permanent means of access other than a hatch; or

- (ii) adjacent to a storey or half-storey with a ceiling height of less than 1.2 m.
- (f) floors located at or below finished grade with a ceiling height of less than 1.2 m;
- (g) the floor area of a laneway house; and
- (h) above grade floor area built as open to below, designed in combination with venting skylights, opening clerestory windows or other similar features which, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, reduce energy consumption or improve natural light and ventilation to a maximum exclusion of one percent of permitted floor area.

4.8 Site Coverage

- 4.8.1 The maximum site coverage for buildings shall be 45 percent of the site area.
- 4.8.2 For the purpose of this section, site coverage for buildings shall be based on the projected area of the outside outermost walls of all buildings and includes carports, but excludes steps, eaves, balconies and sundecks.
- 4.8.3 Except where the principal use of the site is a parking area, the maximum site coverage for any portion of the site used as parking area shall be 30 percent.
- 4.8.4 For a multiple dwelling or sites with infill, the maximum coverage of the site by surface parking, accessory buildings, manoeuvring aisles, driveways, loading areas, other vehicular facilities and all principal buildings shall be 40 percent where no principal building exceeds 10.7 m or 2½ storeys in height, or 55 percent where no principal building exceeds 6.1 m or one storey plus a cellar in height.
- 4.8.5 For a multiple dwelling or sites with infill, in the case of a sloping site where a structure is located in or beneath a yard, the structure shall be excluded from the site coverage calculation provided that it does not, except for required earth cover, permitted fences and similar items, project above the average elevation of the portions of the streets, lanes or sites located adjacent to such structure, and does not, in any event, project more than 1.0 m above the actual elevation of adjoining streets, lanes and sites.
- 4.8.6 Except for multiple dwellings, the area of impermeable materials, including building coverage, shall not exceed 60 percent of the total site area except that where developed secondary vehicular access to a site is not available, the Director of Planning may exclude from the area of impermeable materials an amount not exceeding:
- (a) for the first parking space, the product of the distance, in metres as measured along the driveway centre line, from the point where the driveway crosses the property boundary to the point where it meets the nearest side of the approvable parking space times 3.1 m; and
 - (b) for each additional parking space, 67 m² to accommodate vehicular access and manoeuvring.
- 4.8.7 For the purposes of section 4.8.6, the following materials shall be considered impermeable: the projected area of the outside of the outermost walls of all buildings, including carports, covered porches and entries; asphalt; concrete; brick; stone; and wood.
- 4.8.8 Notwithstanding section 4.8.7, gravel, river rock less than 5 cm in size, wood chips, bark mulch, and other materials which, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, have fully permeable characteristics when in place installed on grade with no associated layer of impermeable material (such as plastic sheeting) that would impede the movement of water directly into the soil below, are excluded from the area of impermeable materials.

4.9 [Deleted -- see Parking By-law.]

4.10 Horizontal Angle of Daylight

- 4.10.1 Each habitable room must have at least one window on an exterior wall of a building.
- 4.10.2 Each exterior window must be located so that a plane or planes extending from the window and formed by an angle of 50 degrees, or two angles with a sum of 70 degrees, will encounter no obstruction over a distance of 24.0 m.
- 4.10.3 The plane or planes referred to in section 4.10.2 must be measured horizontally from the centre of the bottom of each window.
- 4.10.4 The Director of Planning or Development Permit Board may relax the horizontal angle of daylight requirement, if:
- (a) the Director of Planning or Development Permit Board first considers all the applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council; and
 - (b) the minimum distance of unobstructed view is not less than 3.7 m.
- 4.10.5 An obstruction referred to in section 4.10.2 means:
- (a) any part of the same building including permitted projections; or
 - (b) the largest building permitted under the zoning on any adjoining site.
- 4.10.6 A habitable room referred to in section 4.10.1 does not mean:
- (a) a bathroom; or
 - (b) a kitchen whose floor area is the lesser of:
 - (i) 10% or less of the total floor area of the dwelling unit, or
 - (ii) 9.3 m².

5 Relaxation of Regulations

- 5.1** The Director of Planning may relax the minimum site area requirements of section 4.1 with respect to any of the following developments on an existing lot of lesser site area on record in the Land Title Office for Vancouver:
- (a) one-family dwelling;
 - (b) one-family dwelling with secondary suite;
 - (c) one-family dwelling with laneway house;
 - (d) one-family dwelling with secondary suite and laneway house; and
 - (e) infill or multiple conversion dwelling in conjunction with retention of a character house.
- 5.2** The Development Permit Board or the Director of Planning, as the case may be, may relax the yard provisions of section 4.5.3 of this Schedule in the case of infill, provided that:
- (a) he first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council; and
 - (b) the relaxation facilitates an overall better relationship of the infill development with the existing buildings on the development site and abutting sites.
- 5.3** The Director of Planning may relax section 4.8.6 for buildings existing prior to May 30, 2000 to a maximum of 70 percent impermeable materials site coverage provided that:
- (a) the percentage of the site covered by existing impermeable materials is not increased by the proposed development;
 - (b) he considers the advice of the City Engineer; and
 - (c) he considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council.

- 5.4** The Director of Planning may relax the requirements of section 4.8.6 where, due to the peculiarities of the site or special circumstances related to the use of the site, literal enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship, provided that:
- (a) he considers all applicable guidelines and policies adopted by Council; and
 - (b) he considers the advice of the City Engineer.
- 5.5** The Director of Planning may relax the minimum site area, height, required yards and maximum site coverage when a character house is retained if the Director of Planning first considers the intent of this Schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines.