

RS-7 District Schedule

1 Intent

The intent of this Schedule is: to maintain the single-family residential character of the RS-7 District; on typical smaller lots, to conditionally permit two-family dwellings, multiple conversion dwellings and laneway houses; and on larger lots, to conditionally permit multiple dwellings and infill and infill and multiple conversion dwellings in conjunction with retention of character houses. Neighbourhood amenity is enhanced through external design regulations.

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 of this Schedule 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:
 - (i) located within 7.9 m of the ultimate rear property line or located within the permitted building depth as regulated by section 4.16 of this Schedule; and
 - (ii) in no case 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 45 percent of the minimum rear yard prescribed in this Schedule, or 48 m², whichever is the greater, except that floor area previously excluded from existing development pursuant to section 4.7.4(c) of this Schedule and 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; and
- (e) roof gardens and sun decks are not located on an accessory building located beyond the permitted building depth as regulated by section 4.16 of this Schedule.

- Accessory Uses customarily ancillary to any of the uses listed in this section, provided that accessory parking spaces shall comply with the provisions of section 2.2.A(b) of this Schedule.

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 of this Schedule, 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

- 3.2.1.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.

3.2.1.AG [Agricultural]

- Urban Farm - Class A, subject to the provisions of section 11.29 of this By-law.

3.2.1.C [Cultural and Recreational]

- Community Centre or Neighbourhood House.
- Library in conjunction with a Community Centre.
- Park or Playground.

- 3.2.1.D
- Deposition or extraction of material so as to alter the configuration of the land.

3.2.1.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, and the effect of the conversion on adjacent properties and the character of the area;
 - (b) no development permit shall be issued unless the Director of Planning is satisfied that the dwelling will comply with the relevant provisions of other by-laws that relate to the design, construction and safety of buildings and until the requisite permits required by such by-laws are issuable.
- Multiple Dwelling.
- One-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite.
- Two-Family Dwelling provided that access is provided from one dwelling unit to the other dwelling unit within the building except that this clause does not apply to:
 - (i) a building existing prior to January 9, 2001; or
 - (ii) a building on a site 668 m² or larger in area.
- 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.

3.2.1.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.

3.2.1.O [Office]

- Temporary Sales Office, subject to the provisions of section 11.26 of this By-law.

3.2.1.P [Parking]

- Parking Area ancillary to a principal use on an adjacent site.

3.2.1.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.

3.2.1.S [Service]

- Bed and Breakfast Accommodation, subject to the provisions of section 11.4 of this By-law.

3.2.1.U [Utility and Communication]

- Public Utility.

4 Regulations

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

4.1 Site Area

4.1.1 The minimum site area shall be:

- (a) 334 m² for a one family-dwelling, one-family dwelling with secondary suite, multiple conversion dwelling, or two family dwelling; and
- (b) 929 m² for a multiple dwelling, infill, or two or more principal residential buildings.

4.1.2 Where the site is less than 9.8 m in width or less than 334 m² in area, the design of any new building 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 The height of a building shall not exceed:

- (a) 10.7 m; and
- (b) 2 ½ storeys; and
- (c) an envelope located in compliance with the side yard regulations and formed by planes vertically extended 9.2 m in height and then extending inward and upward at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizontal.

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:

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

except that this relaxation shall not apply to laneway houses.

4.4 Front Yard

4.4.1 The front yard shall be 20 percent of the depth of the site, except that:

- (a) on a site where the average front yard depth of the two adjacent sites on each side of the site is more than the 20 percent depth by at least 1.5 m or is less than the 20 percent depth, the minimum depth of the front yard to be provided shall be that average, subject to the following:
 - (i) where an adjacent site is vacant, it shall be deemed to have a front yard depth of 20 percent of the depth of the site;
 - (ii) if one or more of the adjacent sites front on a street other than that of the development site or the adjacent sites are separated by a street or lane, then such adjacent sites shall not be used in computing the average; and
 - (iii) where the site is adjacent to a flanking street or lane, the average depth shall be computed using the remainder of the adjacent sites;
- (b) the Director of Planning may vary the front yard requirement on a double fronting site or a site where a building line has been established pursuant to section 14.1 of this By-law;
- (c) if the provisions of section 4.4.1(a) and section 4.6.1 of this Schedule result in a distance between the front yard and the rear yard which is less than 40 percent of the depth of the site, and provided that the principal building is sited so that it abuts the required rear yard, the depth of the required front yard can be reduced so that the distance between the front yard and the rear yard is equal to 40 percent of the depth of the site;
- (d) covered porches complying with the conditions of section 4.7.4(g) of this Schedule shall be permitted to project into the required front yard a maximum of 1.8 m provided that such a projection is limited to 30 percent of the width of the building; and
- (e) notwithstanding the provisions of section 10.7.1(b) of this By-law, eaves, gutters or other similar projections as determined by the Director of Planning may project into the required front yard to a maximum of 1.0 m, measured horizontally.

4.5 Side Yards

4.5.1 For a single-family house, multiple conversion dwelling, two-family house, Community Care Facility – Class A, and infill, a side yard 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 For a multiple dwelling and all other uses other than those listed in section 4.5.1 of this Schedule, a side yard with a minimum width of 2.1 m shall be provided on each side of a principal building.
- 4.5.3 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.
- 4.5.4 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10.7.1(b) of this By-law, eaves and gutters or other similar projections as determined by the Director of Planning may project into a required side yard to a maximum of 1.0 m, measured horizontally, except that they must not be closer than 0.7 m to a side property line.

4.6 Rear Yard

- 4.6.1 A rear yard with a minimum depth of 30 percent of the depth of the site, measured from the rear property line, shall be provided but it need not be more than 10.67 m in depth.
- 4.6.2 For the purposes of calculating the rear yard to be provided, where the rear property line does not abut a lane or abuts a lane that is only partially dedicated, the rear yard to be provided shall be calculated and measured from the ultimate rear property line.
- 4.6.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10.7.1(b) of this By-law, eaves, gutters or other similar projections as determined by the Director of Planning may project into a required rear yard to a maximum of 1.0 m measured horizontally.

4.7 Floor Space Ratio

- 4.7.1 The floor space ratio shall not exceed 0.60, except that:
- (a) for a single-family house, a two-family house and a multiple conversion dwelling the Director of Planning may increase the floor space ratio to a maximum of 0.64, provided he first considers the intent of this Schedule and the applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council;
 - (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, including covered porches, 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, after the addition of a basement or cellar, 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 Notwithstanding section 4.7.1 of this Schedule, on a site with two or more principal residential buildings, a multiple dwelling or an infill the Director of Planning may increase the maximum floor space ratio to 0.75 provided he first considers the intent of this Schedule and all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and the submission of any advisory group, property owner, or tenant.

4.7.3 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;
- (c) where the distance from a floor to the floor above, or where there is no floor above, to the top of the roof joists, exceeds 3.7 m, an amount equal to the area of the floor below the excess height, except that the Director of Planning may exclude an area designed with venting skylights, opening clerestory windows or other similar features if:
 - (i) in the opinion of the Director of Planning, the area is designed to reduce energy consumption or improve natural light and ventilation, and
 - (ii) the area excluded does not exceed one percent of the permitted floor area; and
- (d) 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.

4.7.4 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 with parking spaces not exceeding 7.3 m in length, off-street 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 not exceeding 7.3 m in length so used which:
 - (i) are located in an accessory building located within 7.9 m of the ultimate rear property line; or
 - (ii) where a site has no developed secondary access, are located in a principal building, or in an accessory building located within the building depth regulated by the provisions of section 4.16 of this Schedule, up to a maximum of 42 m²; or
 - (iii) where the site is less than 307 m² in area, are located in a principal building, located within the building depth regulated by the provisions of section 4.16 of this Schedule, up to a maximum of 42 m²; or
 - (iv) provide parking for a multiple dwelling and are within a structure which is wholly below finished grade except for the vehicular access ramp and pedestrian stairs;
- (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) covered porches, provided that:
 - (i) they face a street or rear property line and are located at the basement or first storey;
 - (ii) that portion facing the street shall be open or protected by guard rails the height of which shall not exceed the minimum specified in the Vancouver Building By-law;
 - (iii) the total area being excluded does not exceed 7 percent of the permitted floor area; and
 - (iv) the ceiling height, excluding roof structures, of the total area being excluded does not exceed 3.1 m measured from the porch floor;
- (h) floor areas with a ceiling height or height to the under side of joists less than 2.0 m located below the floors of covered porches complying with section 4.7.4(g), up to a maximum of 7 percent of the permitted floor area;
- (i) areas of floors existing, proposed or as may be extended over open-to-below space located directly below sloping roof rafters or a sloping ceiling where the ceiling is directly attached to the underside of sloping roof rafters, and where the roof joists have a minimum 7:12 pitch and the related ceiling maintains the same pitch as the roof joists, provided that:
 - (i) the distance from the floor to any part of the roof rafters or ceiling is no higher than 2.3 m and no lower than 1.2 m, both measured vertically; and
 - (ii) the excluded floor area does not exceed 10 percent of the permitted total floor area;
- (j) the floor area of a laneway house; and
- (k) above grade floor area:
 - (i) built as open to below,
 - (ii) to which subsections 4.7.3(c) and 4.7.4(i) do not apply,
 - (iii) 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, and
 - (iv) to a maximum exclusion of one percent of permitted floor area.

4.7.5 Notwithstanding the definition of “half-storey” in section 2 of this By-law, for the purposes of this Schedule the maximum permitted floor area contained in a half-storey shall not include floor area excluded in section 4.7.4(i) of this Schedule.

4.8 Site Coverage and Impermeability

4.8.1 The maximum site coverage for buildings shall be 40 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 of the 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 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.

4.8.5 For the purposes of section 4.8.4 of this Schedule, the following materials shall be considered impermeable: the projected area of the outside of the outermost walls of all buildings including carports, garages, accessory buildings, covered porches and entries; asphalt; concrete; brick; stone; and wood.

4.8.6 Notwithstanding section 4.8.5 of this Schedule, 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 [Parking – see Parking By-law.]

4.10 to 4.15 (Reserved)

4.16 Building Depth

4.16.1 For the purpose of this section, building depth shall be the distance measured from the minimum required front yard setback line along a straight line perpendicular to the front yard line to the point on the exterior rear wall of the principle building or the rear of any decks more than 0.6 m above grade, farthest from the front yard setback line except that where an existing building encroaches into the required front yard, the distance shall be measured from the front exterior wall rather than the required front yard setback line.

4.16.2 The maximum building depth for one-family, two-family, and multiple conversion dwelling shall not exceed 40 percent of the depth of the site.

4.16.3 Projections into the required yards permitted under section 4.4.1 (d) and (e) and section 4.6.3 of this Schedule shall not be included in the calculation of building depth.

4.16.4 Notwithstanding section 4.16.2 of this schedule, the Director of Planning may increase the permitted building depth to accommodate building features designed to reduce energy consumption in a Passive House to a maximum of 45 percent of the depth of the site, if the Director of Planning first considers:

- (a) the intent of the relevant schedule;
- (b) all applicable Council policies and guidelines;
- (c) the relationship of the development to nearby residential development; and
- (d) the submission of any advisory group, property owner or tenant.

4.17 External Design

4.17.1 For the purpose of section 4.17 of this Schedule, a front entrance means a door facing the front yard and located at or within 2.0 m of grade or connected to grade by stairs, a ramp or other means and a side entrance means a door located on that part of a building facing a side yard and at or within 2.0 m of grade or connected to grade by stairs, a ramp or other means.

- 4.17.2 Except where the site is 668 m² or larger in area, there shall be no more than one separate and distinct front entrance to a one-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, or multiple conversion dwelling.
- 4.17.3 A side entrance to a dwelling shall only be permitted where the side yard faces a street or lane or where the door is no less than 5.0 m from the side property line and no more than one side entrance shall be permitted facing each side yard, except where the side yard faces a street or lane.
- 4.17.4 Notwithstanding section 4.17.2 or section 4.17.3 of this Schedule, the Director of Planning, on the advice of the Director of Permits and Licenses, may permit one additional entrance facing a front yard or a side yard if it provides access to a building existing prior to March 14, 1989.
- 4.17.5 On sites less than 307 m² in area, a vehicular driveway access ramp to parking in a basement or cellar may be provided and the surface of the ground adjoining the principle building may be lowered without affecting the calculation of the first storey floor elevation, provided that:
- (a) the lowered surface is no wider than 6.1 m; and
 - (b) the portion of the building abutting the lowered surface faces a street or lane.
- 4.17.6 For portions of a building more than 7.3 m in height:
- (a) dormer roofs shall be gable, hip or shed in form and shall have a minimum slope of 4:12 and a maximum slope of 14:12 and no part shall exceed a height of 9.1 m except for dormers described under section 4.17.9 (c) of this Schedule; and
 - (b) all roofs other than dormer roofs shall have a minimum slope of 6:12 and a maximum slope of 14:12, shall be either hip or gable or a combination of both and shall intersect at its lower portion with the exterior wall face of the building or the vertical projection thereof at a line no higher than the lesser of 7.3 m above the base surface or 0.6 m above the floor level of a half-storey or attic above the second storey.
- 4.17.7 The items described in section 10.11.1(a), (c) and (d) of this By-law shall not be considered in the determination of building height for the purpose of section 4.17.6 of this Schedule.
- 4.17.8 Uncovered roof decks and roof gardens are permitted above the second storey, provided that:
- (a) the total area of roof decks or roof gardens does not exceed 0.03 times the site area;
 - (b) the base of the deck or garden shall not be more than 0.6 m above the floor level of a half-storey or attic above the second storey; and
 - (c) the deck or garden shall be entirely contained in the rear half of the permitted building depth and be set back a minimum of 0.6 m from the perimeter walls of the second storey.
- 4.17.9 Where one or more dormers are provided on a half-storey above the second storey:
- (a) they shall be limited in total width to the percent of the total width of the elevation of the storey below according to the following table:

Orientation of Dormer	Maximum Width of all Dormers
facing a rear yard	40 percent
facing an interior side	25 percent
facing a street or flanking lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one dormer 25 percent • two or more dormers, each separated by no less than 1.5 m, all totalling in width 30 percent

- (b) all exterior dormer walls shall be set back a minimum of 0.6 m from the exterior face of the wall of the storey below;
- (c) notwithstanding section 4.17.9(a) and (b) of this Schedule, where a site is less than 13.7 m in width, one dormer, which faces an interior side yard and which provides headroom over a stair and any intermediate and top landings which provide access from the second storey to the half-storey above
 - (i) may have its face wall flush or continuous with the second storey exterior wall face below; and
 - (ii) need not be less than 4.6 m in width, and no other dormers are permitted facing this interior side yard;
- (d) they shall face only one side yard on lots less than 13.7 m in width, except that where a lot is a corner lot dormers may face both side yards.

4.17.10 Gable end walls shall be designed so that:

- (a) a gable type roof, any portion of which is greater than 7.3 m in height shall not have gable end walls with ridges more than 7.3 m in height on more than two building elevations; and
- (b) no more than one gable end wall on a building elevation may exceed 9.1 m in height.

4.17.11 A bay window projecting into a required yard, as permitted under section 10.7.1 (e) of this By-law, shall not exceed 2.4 m at its widest dimension and the total width of all bay windows projecting into a required yard, measured at their widest dimensions, shall not exceed 25 percent of the width of the storey on the elevation where they are located.

4.17.12 Where a basement or cellar horizontally projects beyond the first storey, the projecting area shall:

- (a) face the rear property line or an interior side yard; or
- (b) face the street towards which the front entry faces and be under a deck approved under section 4.7.4(a) of this schedule, a planter or a patio all of which are at or below the first storey floor level; or
- (c) face, on a corner lot, a street other than as determined by clause (b), and not be closer to the property line fronting this street than the closest portion of the first storey; or
- (d) be below a covered porch as described in section 4.4.4 or 4.6.3 of this Schedule;

except in no case shall a basement or cellar project into a required yard or exceed permitted building depth requirements.

4.17.13 to 4.17.29 (Reserved)

4.17.30 Metal chimney flues or vents shall be visually screened from view by a non-combustible enclosure except that this requirement shall not apply to through-wall-direct-vented gas fireplaces.

4.17.31 The maximum height of covered porches shall be governed by the following:

- (a) the height above the porch floor to the ceiling shall not exceed 3.1 m and the height above the porch floor to the top of a flat roof covering the porch shall not exceed 4.0 m; or
- (b) the height above the porch floor to the ridge or highest point of a gable, hip, or vaulted roof springing from no higher than 3.4 m above the porch floor, shall not exceed 4.9 m.

4.17.32 Where a front entry area includes columns, piers, pillars or posts or other similar elements, these shall not exceed the lesser of the first storey ceiling height or 3.1 m above the entry landing floor and where they are used on a deck, balcony, or roof area directly above this first storey entry area, no columns, piers, pillars, posts or other similar elements shall exceed 1.2 m in height above the second storey floor level.

- 4.17.33 Except for front door side lights to a total maximum of 2.3 m² and for transom lights over front doors to a maximum of 2.3 m², windows shall be of clear glass or leaded clear glass or leaded stained glass, except bevelled glass, frosted glass, sandblasted glass or glass block may be used for basement windows, windows at stairwells or any windows into lavatories, bathrooms or dressing rooms.
- 4.17.34 Exterior wall cladding materials:
- (a) may include wood, unglazed brick (minimum thickness 50 mm), non-polished stone (minimum thickness 76 mm), split-face stone, split-face concrete block, stone-dash stucco, pebble-dash stucco, acrylic stucco, paint, stain and similar coatings;
 - (b) may include, in addition to these materials listed under section 4.17.34(a) of this Schedule, concrete or concrete block for foundation walls below the first storey, and any material may be used for architectural accents up to a maximum of 1.0 m² per building elevation;
 - (c) shall not be used so that more than two wall cladding materials appear on any single building elevation, except a third material is permitted above the second storey on gable ends or dormers;
 - (d) shall be used so that, where a building elevation includes a vertically continuous wall on the first and second storeys and this wall is also continuous to a gable end wall on a half-storey above the second storey, more than one wall cladding system shall be required above the basement level;
 - (e) may be used so that, notwithstanding section 4.17.34(c) and (d) of this Schedule, materials on chimneys, basements, cellar or crawl space walls, entry porches, entry porch columns, guards, handrails, windows, doors, window and door trims, belt courses, fascia boards, trim boards, gutters and drain pipes, architectural accents totalling less than 1.0 m² per building elevation, and porch roof gable ends are not included when calculating the number of exterior wall cladding materials; and
 - (f) shall be used so that all wall cladding materials used on a front facade shall be continued in equal proportions for no less than 2.0 m along adjacent side walls or 1.2 m where the discontinuation of a material occurs at a change in the building wall plane such as at a bay or chimney projection.
- 4.17.35 Roofing materials shall consist of:
- (a) wood shingles or wood shakes in natural finish, or asphalt shingles coloured black, blue, grey, green, brown, burgundy, tan, or beige; or
 - (b) slate or slate composites coloured black, green, or grey; or
 - (c) copper or baked enamel matte or flat finished metal roof systems coloured black, grey, brown, beige, or tan; or
 - (d) flat profile concrete or clay roof tiles in matte or flat finished colours black, grey, brown, beige, or tan.
- 4.17.36 Nothing in section 4.17.35 of this Schedule precludes the use of skylights or flashing.
- 4.17.37 Roofs with a slope of less than 4:12 shall be exempt from the requirements of sections 4.17.35(a) to (d) of this Schedule and the roof materials thereon are not regulated by this Schedule.
- 4.17.38 Except where a window or door is recessed no less than 100 mm behind the adjacent exterior wall faces, all doors and windows shall have a minimum 75 mm wide trim all around, except door sill trim may be omitted.

4.18 Dwelling Unit Density

- 4.18.1 For a multiple conversion dwelling, multiple dwelling, infill, and one-family or two-family dwellings on a site with two or more principal residential buildings, the total number of units on a site shall not exceed 62 units per hectare except it need not be less than two units and fractional units shall be rounded down.

4.19 Number of Buildings on Site

- 4.19.1 The Director of Planning may permit more than one principal building on a site, provided he first considers:
- (a) all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council;
 - (b) the height, bulk, location and overall design of the buildings and their effect on the site, surrounding buildings, streets and existing views;
 - (c) the amount of open space and the effects of overall design on the general amenity of the area; and
 - (d) the preservation of the architectural character and general amenity desired for the area.

5 Relaxation of Regulations

- 5.1** The Director of Planning may relax the minimum site area requirements of section 4.1 of this Schedule 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;
- (e) two-family dwelling;
- (f) multiple conversion dwelling; and
- (g) infill or multiple conversion dwelling in conjunction with retention of a character house.

- 5.2** The Director of Planning may relax the height and yard provisions of sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 and 4.16 of this Schedule, and the floor space ratio exclusions for parking in accessory buildings of section 4.7.4(c)(i) of this Schedule where, due to conditions peculiar either to the site or to the proposed development, literal enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship, provided that:

- (a) he first considers the submission of any advisory group, property owner or tenant; and
- (b) in no case shall the height be increased to more than 10.7 m or the yard requirements be reduced to less than 60 percent of the amount specified in this Schedule.

- 5.3** In the case of a corner site, where the rear property line of a site adjoins, without the intervention of a lane, the side yard of a site in an R District, the Director of Planning may relax the provisions of section 4.7 of this Schedule to permit the exclusion of floor space used for off-street parking in the principal building up to a maximum of 42 m².

- 5.4** Where renovations and additions are proposed to a building existing prior to January 9, 2001, the Director of Planning may relax the requirements of sections 4.17.6 (roof form), 4.17.8 (roof decks), 4.17.9 (dormers), 4.17.10 (gables), 4.17.11 (bay windows), 4.17.12 (basements), 4.17.30 (chimneys), 4.17.31 and 4.17.32 (entry porches), 4.17.33 (windows), 4.17.34 (exterior wall cladding), 4.17.35 (roofing materials), and 4.17.38 (window trim) of this Schedule where the Director of Planning considers these requirements to be unduly restrictive, and provided that:

- (a) he considers the effects on neighbouring properties with particular regard to shadowing and loss of privacy;
- (b) he considers the presence of original materials and detailing and their architectural merit;
- (c) he considers the extent and exterior design of the proposed new work as related to the existing buildings character and design; and
- (d) he may consider the submission or any advisory group, property owner or tenant.

5.5 For a multiple dwelling, an infill, a dwelling on a site with two or more principal buildings and, except for Community Care Facility – Class A, a building for non-residential use, the Director of Planning may relax any of the requirements of section 4.17 of this Schedule provided that:

- (a) he first considers all applicable Council adopted policies and guidelines;
- (b) he considers the effects on neighbouring properties with particular regard to shadowing and loss of privacy;
- (c) he considers the neighbourhood character and the general compatibility therewith;
- (d) for infill, he considers the design of the infill in relationship to the existing principal building including its retention of original materials and detailing, and its architectural merit; and
- (e) he may consider the submission or any advisory group, property owner or tenant.

5.6 The Development Permit Board or the Director of Planning, as the case may be, may relax the yard provisions of section 4.5.2 of this Schedule for a multiple dwelling, and the site coverage and impermeability provisions of section 4.8 of this Schedule in the case of a multiple dwelling, infill, or a development with two or more principal buildings.

5.7 The Director of Planning may, for buildings existing prior to January 9, 2001, relax the area of impermeable materials specified in section 4.8.4 of this Schedule to a maximum of 70 percent of the total site area 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.

5.8 The Director of Planning may relax any of the requirements of section 4.8.4 of this Schedule 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 the advice of the City Engineer; and
- (b) he considers all applicable guidelines and policies adopted by Council.

5.9 The Director of Planning may relax the provisions of sections 4.5 and 4.6 of this Schedule in the case of infill or the placement of more than one principal building on a site, provided that:

- (a) any building not within the building depth specified for a one-family, two-family, or multiple conversion dwelling under section 4.16 of this Schedule shall have a height not exceeding 7.3 m 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 the building may exceed 8.5 m in height; and
- (b) he first considers:
 - (i) all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council;
 - (ii) the height, bulk, location, and overall design of buildings and their effect on the site, surrounding buildings, adjacent properties, and the streetscape; and
 - (iii) the amount of open space and the effect of the overall design on the general amenity of the area.

- 5.10** The Director of Planning may relax the provisions of this District Schedule regarding minimum site area, height, required yards, maximum site coverage and impermeability, building depth, external design and dwelling unit density 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.