

RT-6 District Schedule

1 Intent

The intent of this Schedule is to encourage the retention, renovation and restoration of existing residential buildings which maintain the historic architectural style and building form consistent with the area. New development has an emphasis on preserving consistency with existing lot patterns, and compatibility with neighbourhood character while also providing variety in housing choices. Emphasis is placed on requiring the external design of buildings and additions to buildings to follow the proportions, rhythm and details of historic architectural features of the area.

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 shall be located in the rear yard and 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 35 percent of the minimum rear yard prescribed in this Schedule, or 48 m², whichever is the greater;
- (d) not more than 80 percent of the width of the rear yard of any lot shall be occupied by accessory buildings; and
- (e) roof decks and sun decks are not located on an accessory building.

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

2.2.DW [Dwelling]

- Multiple Conversion Dwelling, provided that:
 - (a) no additions shall be permitted;
 - (b) no housekeeping or sleeping units shall be created; and
 - (c) the number of dwelling units is limited to two.

3 Conditional Approval Uses

3.1 Subject to all other provisions of this by-law, the Director of Planning may approve any of the uses listed in section 3.2 of this Schedule, with or without conditions, provided that the Director of Planning first considers:

- (a) the intent of this Schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines; 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 which was existing as of July 29, 1980, subject to the provisions of section 11.16 of this By-law.
 - Infill in conjunction with retention of a Character House existing on the site as of January 16, 2018.
 - Multiple Conversion Dwelling,¹ in conjunction with retention of a Character House existing on the site as of January 16, 2018, that contains no housekeeping or sleeping units.
 - Multiple Dwelling.
 - One-Family Dwelling.
 - One-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite.
 - One-Family Dwelling or One-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite on sites with more than one principal building, in accordance with section 4.19 of this Schedule, provided that there is no more than one Secondary Suite on the site.
 - Laneway House, subject to section 11.24 of this By-law.
 - Lock-off Unit in conjunction with a One-Family Dwelling or Two-family Dwelling, provided that there is no more than one Lock-off Unit for each dwelling unit.
 - Two-Family Dwelling.
 - Two-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite, provided that there is no more than one Secondary Suite for each dwelling unit.
 - Seniors Supportive or Assisted Housing, subject to section 11.17 of this By-law.
- 3.2.I [Institutional]
- Child Day Care Facility.
 - Church, subject to the provisions of section 11.7 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 A, subject to the regulations and relaxations that apply to a One-Family Dwelling.
 - 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.

¹ [other than as provided for in Section 2.2.DW of this Schedule]

- 3.2.O [Office]
- Temporary Sales Office, subject to the provisions of section 11.26 of this By-law.
- 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.
 - Short Term Rental Accommodation, subject to the provisions of section 11.32 of this By-law.
- 3.2.U [Utility and Communication]
- Public Utility.

4 Regulations

All approved uses are subject to the following regulations, except for Laneway House, which is only permitted in combination with a One-Family Dwelling or One-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite, and is subject to section 11.24 of this By-law, and except that section 4.17 shall apply only to uses approved under section 3.

4.1 Site Area

- 4.1.1 The minimum site area for a One-Family Dwelling, a One-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite, a Two-Family Dwelling, a Two-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite, or a One-Family Dwelling or One-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite on sites with more than one principal building, shall be 306 m².
- 4.1.2 The minimum site area for a Multiple Dwelling shall be 511 m².
- 4.1.3 Notwithstanding section 4.1.2, the Director of Planning may permit a Multiple Dwelling on sites smaller than 511 m², provided that consideration is first given to all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council.

4.2 Frontage

- 4.2.1 The maximum frontage for a site for a Multiple Dwelling shall be a single lot, or two adjoining lots, on record in the Land Title Office for Vancouver prior to January 16, 2018, provided the combined frontage of the adjoining lots does not exceed 15.6 m.

4.3 Height

- 4.3.1 A principal building shall not exceed 10.7 m in height, and a second principal building located in the rear yard shall not exceed 7.7 m.
- 4.3.2 A building shall not have more than 2½ storeys, except that the Director of Planning may permit a building to 3 storeys provided that consideration is first given to all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council.

4.4 Front Yard

- 4.4.1 The required front yard shall be a minimum depth of 7.3 m or 20% of the lot depth, whichever is less.
- 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.
- 4.4.3 Covered porches complying with the conditions of section 4.7.6(b) may be permitted to project a maximum of 1.6 m into the required front yard.
- 4.4.4 The Director of Planning may relax the minimum depth of the required front yard provided consideration is first given to the depths of the adjacent front yards and all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council.

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 a side yard need not exceed 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.

4.6 Rear Yard

- 4.6.1 A rear yard with a minimum depth of 10.7 m shall be provided.
- 4.6.2 In the case of a site having an average depth of less than 36.5 m, the depth of the required rear yard may be decreased in accordance with section 11.2 of this By-law.
- 4.6.3 Where the rear of a site abuts a lane, the depth of the required rear yard may be decreased by the width of that portion of the lane lying between the rear of the site and the ultimate centre line of the lane.
- 4.6.4 Any second principal building must be located in the rear yard.

4.7 Floor Space Ratio

- 4.7.1 On a site without a Character House, the floor space ratio shall not exceed 0.60, except, if consideration is first given to the intent of this Schedule and all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council, the Director of Planning may permit an increase to the maximum floor space ratio, as follows:
- (a) 0.75 for Two-Family Dwelling or Two-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite or Lock-off Unit;
 - (b) 0.75 for One-Family Dwelling or One-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite on a site with more than one principal building, provided that the floor space ratio for the second principal building located in the rear yard does not exceed 0.25; or
 - (c) 0.75 for Multiple Dwelling.

- 4.7.2 On a site with a Character House, if consideration is first given to the intent of this Schedule and all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council, the Director of Planning may permit an increase to the maximum floor space ratio, as follows:
- (a) 0.75 to facilitate an addition to a Character House; or
 - (b) 0.85 for Infill in conjunction with retention of a Character House.
- 4.7.3 Notwithstanding section 4.7.2, where a Character House is demolished in order to allow for new development, the floor space ratio shall not exceed 0.50 and the use is limited to a One-Family Dwelling or a One-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite, and Laneway House.
- 4.7.4 Notwithstanding section 4.7.3, where a Character House is demolished in order to allow for new development on an under-utilized lot, the floor space ratio shall be governed by section 4.7.1.
- 4.7.5 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, elevator shafts, and other features which the Director of Planning considers similar, 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 times 0.01.
- 4.7.6 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) covered verandahs, porches or inset balconies, provided that the side facing a street or the rear property line is open and that the height of the guard rails do not exceed the minimum specified in the Vancouver Building By-law;
 - (c) patios and roof gardens, provided the Director of Planning first approves the design of sunroofs and walls;
 - (d) 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 or a second principal building located in the rear yard, provided that the maximum exclusion for a parking space shall not exceed 42 m² and 7.3 m in length.
 - (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) fire escapes which are designed to meet City requirements for secondary egress; 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 of the outermost walls of all buildings and includes carports, but excludes steps, eaves, balconies, and sundecks.
- 4.8.3 The maximum site coverage for any portion of the site used for parking shall be 30 percent.

4.9 to 4.15 (Reserved)

4.16 Building Depth

- 4.16.1 For a One-Family Dwelling or a One-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite, the maximum distance between the required minimum front yard and the rear of the principal building is 35% of the site depth.
- 4.16.2 In all other cases, the maximum distance between the required minimum front yard and the rear of the principal building is 45% of the site depth.

4.17 External Design [These regulations apply only to conditional approval uses]

- 4.17.1 For the purpose of sections 4.17.2 and 4.17.3 the principal facade means the building face that is situated closest to the front property line.
- 4.17.2 The principal facade shall have:
 - (a) a maximum height computed on a ratio of 1.3 to 1 with the width of the principal facade;
 - (b) a maximum width of 9.2 m;
 - (c) a principal access by means of a straight staircase at right angle to the street, leading to a first-storey porch or open-sided verandah; and
 - (d) a single principal entrance with single or double doors.
- 4.17.3 Except for the principal facade, all facades facing the front property line shall be set back at least 3.0 m from the front yard.
- 4.17.4 All building facades shall be characterized by the following:
 - (a) the style and form of architecture and exterior finishes to be consistent with those residential buildings in this District listed in the Vancouver Heritage Register; and
 - (b) the floor of the first storey to be a minimum of .9 m and a maximum of 2.0 m above grade.
- 4.17.5 Windows shall be characterized by the following:
 - (a) for renovations or additions to existing buildings and for new construction, windows shall approximately replicate windows on the residential buildings in this District listed in the Vancouver Heritage Register.

- 4.17.6 Roofs shall be characterized by the following:
- (a) gable or hip-on-gable style; and
 - (b) shingle finish.
- 4.17.7 The Director of Planning may permit a development which varies from any of the regulations of sections 4.17.1 to 4.17.6 inclusive, provided that:
- (a) it is consistent with residential buildings in this District listed in the Vancouver Heritage Register;
 - (b) a consistent architectural style and form is achieved for every building on the site; and
 - (c) it reflects the character of the streetscape and is compatible with the design of buildings on adjoining sites.
- 4.17.8 The Director of Planning may require the retention of any one or more of the following architectural or ornamental features:
- (a) window, door and roof decoration;
 - (b) bay windows;
 - (c) tower or turret features;
 - (d) hand rails, balusters;
 - (e) wood tracery or bargeboard.

4.18 Dwelling Unit Density

- 4.18.1 The total number of dwelling units shall not exceed 74 units per hectare, except where the calculation of dwelling units per hectare results in a fractional number, in which case, the nearest whole number shall be taken and one-half shall be rounded up to the next nearest whole number.

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 that consideration is first given to:
- (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 provisions of section 4.1 with respect to any of the following developments if the lot was on record in the Land Title Office for Vancouver prior to August 10, 1976:
- (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) Two-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite or Lock-off Unit; or
 - (g) One-Family Dwelling on sites with more than one principal building.

- 5.2** The Director of Planning may relax the area and site coverage limitations for accessory buildings and sections 4.7 and 4.8 of the Parking By-law where he is satisfied that adequate off-street parking on any site less than 36.5 m in depth cannot otherwise be accommodated, provided that in developments where a carport or garage is planned he also has regard to the effect on neighbouring sites of building height, shadow, open space and landscaping.
- 5.3** The Director of Planning may relax the yard provisions of sections 4.5 and 4.6 of this Schedule in the case of Multiple Dwellings or seniors supportive or assisted housing, provided that consideration is first given to all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council.
- 5.4** The Director of Planning may relax due to unnecessary hardship the yard provisions of sections 4.5 and 4.6 of this Schedule in the case of the placement of more than one principal building on a site, provided that consideration is first given to:
- (a) all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council;
 - (b) the height, bulk, location and overall design of the building or buildings and their effect on the site, surrounding buildings, streets and existing views;
 - (c) the amount of open space and the effect of overall design on the general amenity of the area; and
 - (d) the preservation of the character and general amenity desired for the area.
- 5.5** The Director of Planning may relax any of the external design regulations under section 4.17 if consideration is first given to:
- (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.
- 5.6** The Director of Planning may relax the provisions of this District Schedule regarding site area, frontage, height, required yards, site coverage, building depth, external design regulations, and dwelling unit density when a Character House is retained, if consideration is first given to the intent of this Schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines.