

C-3A District Schedule

1 Intent

The intent of this Schedule is to provide for a wide range of goods and services, to maintain commercial activities, specialized services and some light manufacturing enterprises while preserving the character and general amenity of the area and its immediate surroundings, and to provide for dwelling uses designed compatibly with commercial uses.

2 Outright Approval Uses

2.1 Subject to all other provisions of this By-law and to compliance with section 2.3 and 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;
- (c) the total floor area, measured to the extreme outer limits of the building, of all accessory buildings is not greater than 15 percent of the total area of the site;
- (d) not applicable; [Maximum width]
- (e) not applicable; [Proximity to residential dwelling]
- (f) no accessory building obstructs the horizontal daylight access prescribed in this Schedule for residential use.

- Accessory Uses customarily ancillary to any of the uses listed in this section, provided that unless permitted as an outright approval use pursuant to section 2 of this Schedule, the total floor area of all accessory uses is not greater than 25 percent of the gross floor area of the principal use.

2.2.C [Cultural and Recreational]

- Arts and Culture Indoor Event.
- Bowling Alley.
- Club.
- Community Centre or Neighbourhood House.
- Fitness Centre.
- Hall.
- Library.
- Museum or Archives.
- Rink.
- Swimming Pool.
- Theatre.

2.2.I [Institutional]

- School - University or College.

2.2.0 [Office]

- Financial Institution.
- General Office.
- Health Care Office.

2.2.R [Retail]

- Furniture or Appliance Store.
- Grocery or Drug Store except for Small-scale Pharmacy.
- Retail Store.

2.2.S [Service]

- Auction Hall.
- Barber Shop or Beauty Salon.
- Beauty and Wellness Centre.
- Catering Establishment.
- Laboratory.
- Laundromat or Dry Cleaning Establishment.
- Photofinishing or Photography Studio.
- Print Shop.
- Repair Shop - Class B.
- Restaurant - Class 1.
- School - Business.
- School - Vocational or Trade.
- Sign Painting Shop.

2.3 Conditions of Use

2.3.1 All commercial uses and accessory uses listed in this section shall be carried on wholly within a completely enclosed building except for the following:

- (a) parking and loading facilities;
- (b) restaurant;
- (c) display of flowers, plants, fruits and vegetables.

3 Conditional Approval Uses

3.1 Subject to all other provisions of this By-law, compliance with section 3.3 and the provisions and regulations of this Schedule, the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board may approve any of the uses listed in section 3.2 of this Schedule, with or without conditions, provided that the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board 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 Uses to any of the uses listed in this Schedule, subject to the same provisions as section 2.2.A of this Schedule.

3.2.AG [Agricultural]

- Urban Farm - Class B.

3.2.C [Cultural and Recreational]

- Arcade.
- Artist Studio.
- Billiard Hall.
- Bingo Hall.
- Casino - Class 1.
- Park or Playground.
- Zoo or Botanical Garden.

3.2.D • Deposition or extraction of material so as to alter the configuration of the land.

3.2.DW [Dwelling]

- Dwelling units in conjunction with any of the uses listed in this schedule except that no portion of the first storey of a building to a depth of 10.7 m from the front wall of the building and extending across its full width shall be used for residential purposes except for entrances to the residential portion and provided that before making a decision the Director of Planning shall consider the design and livability of the dwelling units.
- Multiple Dwelling, provided that the Director of Planning is of the opinion that the site is suitable for residential use.
- Multiple Conversion Dwelling, resulting from the conversion of a building which was in existence prior to June 18, 1956, provided that:
 - (a) before making a decision the Director of Planning shall consider the quality and livability of the resulting units, the suitability of the building for conversion in terms of age and size, and the effect of the conversion on adjacent properties and the character of the area; and
 - (b) building additions shall not be permitted.
- Principal Dwelling Unit combined with a Lock-off Unit in conjunction with any of the uses listed in this schedule, except that no portion of the first storey of a building to a depth of 10.7 m from the front wall of the building and extending across its full width may be used for residential purposes unless the purpose is for entrances to the residential portion, and, with respect only to the C-3A District Schedule, the Director of Planning, before making a decision, considers the design and livability of the dwelling units.
- Principal Dwelling Unit combined with a Lock-off Unit in a Multiple Dwelling if the Director of Planning is of the opinion that the site is suitable for residential use.
- Residential Unit associated with and forming an integral part of an artist studio.
- Seniors Supportive or Assisted Housing.

3.2.I [Institutional]

- Ambulance Station.
- Child Day Care Facility.
- Church.
- Detoxification Centre.
- Hospital.
- Public Authority Use.
- School - Elementary or Secondary.
- Social Service Centre.
- Community Care Facility – Class B.
- Group Residence.

- 3.2.M [Manufacturing]
- Clothing Manufacturing.
 - Dairy Products Manufacturing.
 - Food or Beverage Products Manufacturing - Class B.
 - Ice Manufacturing.
 - Jewellery Manufacturing.
 - Miscellaneous Products Manufacturing - Class B.
 - Printing or Publishing.
 - Textiles or Knit Goods Manufacturing.
- 3.2.O [Office]
- Health Enhancement Centre.
- 3.2.P [Parking]
- Parking Uses.
- 3.2.R [Retail]
- Farmers' Market. *Compatibility with nearby sites, parking, traffic, noise, hours of operation, size of facility, pedestrian amenity.*
 - Adult Retail Store.
 - Cannabis Store.
 - Gasoline Station - Full Serve.
 - Gasoline Station - Split Island.
 - Grocery Store with Liquor Store.
 - Liquor Store.
 - Pawnshop.
 - Public Bike Share.
 - Secondhand Store.
 - Small-scale Pharmacy.
 - Vehicle Dealer.
- 3.2.S [Service]
- Animal Clinic.
 - Bed and Breakfast Accommodation.
 - Cabaret.
 - Drive-through Service.
 - Funeral Home.
 - Hotel.
 - Motor Vehicle Repair Shop.
 - Motor Vehicle Wash.
 - Neighbourhood Public House.
 - Photofinishing or Photography Laboratory.
 - Production or Rehearsal Studio.
 - Repair Shop - Class A.
 - Restaurant - Class 2.
 - Restaurant - Drive-in.
 - School - Arts or Self-Improvement.
 - Short Term Rental Accommodation.
 - Wedding Chapel.

- 3.2.T [Transportation and Storage]
- Mini-storage Warehouse.
 - Storage Warehouse.
 - Taxicab or Limousine Station.
- 3.2.U [Utility and Communication]
- Public Utility.
 - Radiocommunication Station.
 - Recycling Depot.
- 3.2.W [Wholesale]
- Lumber and Building Materials Establishment.
 - Wholesaling - Class A.
 - Wholesaling - Class B.
- 3.2.Z
- Any other use which is not specifically listed and defined as a use in section 2 of this By-law but which the Director of Planning considers comparable in nature to the uses listed in this Schedule, having regard to the intent of this District Schedule.

3.3 Conditions of Use

- 3.3.1 All commercial uses listed in this section shall be carried on wholly within a completely enclosed building, except for the following:
- (a) parking and loading facilities;
 - (b) full serve and split island gasoline station, except that section 11.13.2 of this By-law continues to apply;
 - (c) vehicle dealer;
 - (d) drive-in restaurant;
 - (e) drive-through service;
 - (f) lumber store;
 - (g) taxicab or limousine station;
 - (h) neighbourhood public house;
 - (i) farmers' market;
 - (j) public bike share; and
 - (k) Urban Farm - Class B.

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 -- Not Applicable.

4.2 Frontage -- Not Applicable.

4.3 Height

4.3.1 The maximum height of a building shall be 9.2 m.

4.3.2 The Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board may permit an increase in the maximum height of a building with respect to any development, provided that the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board first considers:

- (a) the intent of this Schedule, all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and the relationship of the development with nearby residential areas;
- (b) the height, bulk, location and overall design of the building and its effect on the site, surrounding buildings and streets and existing views;
- (c) the amount of open space, including plazas, and the effects of overall design on the general amenity of the area;
- (d) the provision for pedestrian needs;
- (e) the preservation of the character and general amenity desired for the area; and
- (f) the submission of any advisory group, property owner or tenant.

4.4 Front Yard and Setback

- 4.4.1 No front yard shall be required.
- 4.4.2 A setback of 1.2 m from the front property line shall be required for any parking area.

4.5 Side Yards and Setback

- 4.5.1 No side yard shall be required, except that where the site adjoins, without the intervention of a lane, a site located in an R district, in which case the following side yard requirements apply:
 - (a) where the adjoining site is in an RM district, a side yard with a minimum width of 1.5 m shall be provided adjoining the RM district;
 - (b) in all other cases, a side yard with a minimum width of .9 m shall be provided, except in the case of a corner site in which case an exterior side yard need not be provided.
- 4.5.2 Where a side yard is provided, although not required, the minimum provisions of section 4.5.1 shall apply.
- 4.5.3 In the case of a corner lot, a setback of 1.2 m from the side property line abutting the flanking street shall be required for any parking area.

4.6 Rear Yard and Setback

- 4.6.1 A rear yard with a minimum depth of 3.1 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 Where any portion of a building contains residential uses, that portion shall be set back a minimum of 7.6 m from the rear property line across the full width of the building, except that where the rear of the site abuts a lane, this required minimum setback shall be decreased by the lane width between the rear property line and the ultimate centre line of the lane.

4.7 Floor Space Ratio

- 4.7.1 The floor space ratio shall not exceed 1.00, except that:
 - (a) the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board may permit an increase in floor space ratio to a maximum of 3.00, if the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board first considers:
 - (i) the intent of this Schedule, all applicable Council policies and guidelines and the relationship of the development with nearby residential areas,
 - (ii) the height, bulk, location and overall design of the building and its effect on the site, surrounding buildings and streets, and existing views,
 - (iii) the amount of open space, including plazas, and the effects of overall design on the general amenity of the area,

- (iv) the effect of the development on traffic in the area,
 - (v) the provision for pedestrian needs, and
 - (vi) the design and livability of any dwelling uses; and
- (b) despite the provisions of subsection 4.7.1(a), if the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board first considers the intent of this district schedule, all applicable Council policies and guidelines and the submissions of any advisory groups, property owners or tenants, and there is no heritage density available for transfer, the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board may permit an additional increase in permitted floor area of one m² for each amenity share provided to the city at no cost to the city, to a maximum increase of 10% above the maximum permitted floor space ratio.
- 4.7.2 In this district schedule, amenity means conservation of protected heritage property.
- 4.7.3 For the purposes of this district schedule, the cost of an amenity share is the amount specified per m² in the Heritage Amenity Share Cost Schedule G.
- 4.7.4 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 4.7.1, the maximum floor space ratio achievable as a result of the provision of amenity shares must otherwise comply in all respects with this district schedule and this by-law.
- 4.7.5 The following shall be included in the computation of floor space ratio:
- (a) all floors of all buildings including accessory buildings, both above and below ground level, to be measured to the extreme outer limits of the building; and
 - (b) in dwelling units and artists studios, where the distance from a floor to the floor above, or where there is no floor above, to the top of the roof rafters or deck, exceeds 3.7 m, an additional amount equal to the area of the floor below the excess height, except that the Director of Planning may exclude additional height in combination with:
 - (i) an undeveloped floor area beneath roof elements which are, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, solely for decorative purposes and to which the only means of access is a hatch, residential lobby or mechanical penthouse, or
 - (ii) 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.
- 4.7.6 The following shall be excluded in the computation of floor space ratio:
- (a) open residential balconies 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 residential floor area being provided;
 - (b) amenity areas for the social and recreational enjoyment of residents and employees, or providing a service to the public, including facilities for general fitness, general recreation and child day care, provided that:
 - (i) the total area being excluded shall not exceed the lesser of 20 percent of the permitted floor space or 1 000 m²; and
 - (ii) in the case of a child day care centre, the Director of Planning, on the advice of the Director of Social Planning, is satisfied of the need for the facility in the immediate neighbourhood.
 - (c) where floors are used for off-street parking and loading, the taking on or discharging of passengers, bicycle storage, heating and mechanical equipment, 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; and
- (d) all residential storage space above or below base surface, except that if the residential storage space above base surface exceeds 3.7 m² per dwelling unit, there will be no exclusion for any of the residential storage space above base surface for that unit.

4.7.7 The Director of Planning may permit the following to be excluded in the computation of floor space ratio:

- (a) enclosed residential balconies, provided that the Director of Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and approves the design of any balcony enclosure, subject to the following:
 - (i) the total area of all open and enclosed balcony or sundeck exclusions does not exceed eight percent of the residential floor area being provided; and
 - (ii) no more than fifty percent of the excluded balcony floor area may be enclosed;
- (b) interior public space, including atria and other similar spaces, provided that:
 - (i) the excluded area shall not exceed the lesser of 10 percent of the permitted floor area or 600 m²;
 - (ii) the excluded area shall be secured by covenant and right of way in favour of the City of Vancouver which set out public access and use; and
 - (iii) the Director of Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council.

4.7.8 The Development Permit Board may increase the allowable floor space ratio by a maximum of 10 percent where the increase results from a transfer of heritage density, except that this provision shall not apply to a development where there has been an increase in floor space ratio pursuant to section 4.7.1(b).

For the purposes of this section “heritage density” means density provided as compensation for a heritage designation, which is transferred from the site of the designated heritage property to another site in accordance with Council’s Transfer of Density Policy and Procedure.

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.

4.15 Acoustics

4.15.1 A development permit application for dwelling uses shall require evidence in the form of a report and recommendations prepared by persons trained in acoustics and current techniques of noise measurement demonstrating that the noise levels in those portions of the dwelling units listed below shall not exceed the noise levels expressed in decibels set opposite such portions of the dwelling units. For the purposes of this section the noise level is the A-weighted 24-hour equivalent (Leq) sound level and will be defined simply as the noise level in decibels.

Portions of dwelling units	Noise levels (Decibels)
bedrooms	35
living, dining, recreation rooms	40
kitchen, bathrooms, hallways	45

5 Relaxation of Regulations

5.1 The Director of Planning may relax the maximum height, floor area and location regulations for accessory buildings and accessory uses except that the relaxed height shall not, in any event, exceed the maximum prescribed in section 4.3.1 nor the floor space exceed 33-¹/₃ percent of the gross floor area of the principal use.

5.2 Where a need for any public, social, cultural or recreational facility has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Development Permit Board, the Board may permit for any one building, which includes one or more of such facilities, an increase in the maximum floor space ratio or density of a building and may require that any such facility be preserved in the public domain by way of a registered agreement and operated by the City or its delegates.

In determining the amount of the increase in floor area or density that may be permitted, the Development Permit Board shall consider:

- (a) the construction cost of the facility;
- (b) any costs to the developer of continuing maintenance required for the facility;
- (c) the rental value of the increased floor area;
- (d) the value of any authorized relaxation of other restrictions; and
- (e) the opinion of City Council.

5.3 The Director of Planning may relax the use conditions of sections 2.3.1 and 3.3.1 to permit the outdoor display of retail goods, and may include such other conditions as the Director of Planning deems necessary, having regard to the type of merchandise, the area and location of the display with respect to adjoining sites, the hours of operation and the intent of this Schedule.