

RS-1 District Schedule

1 Intent

The intent of this Schedule is generally to maintain the residential character of the RS-1 District in the form of one-family dwellings, secondary suites, laneway houses, two-family dwellings with secondary suites on larger lots and with lock-off units on smaller lots, and infill and multiple conversion dwellings in conjunction with retention of character houses. Emphasis is placed on encouraging neighbourly development by preserving outdoor space and views. Neighbourhood amenity is enhanced through the maintenance of healthy trees and planting which reflects the established streetscape.

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 the RS-1 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 4.16.1 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 10.27 of this By-law;
 - (c) for all uses except for two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite, the total floor area, measured to the extreme outer limits of the building, of all accessory buildings is not greater than 30% of the minimum rear yard prescribed in this Schedule, or 48 m², whichever is the greater, except that:
 - (i) floor area previously excluded from existing development pursuant to section 4.7.3(c), and
 - (ii) the floor area of a laneway house, shall be deducted from the total allowable accessory building floor area;
 - (d) for two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite, the total floor area, measured to the extreme outer limits of the building, of all accessory buildings is not greater than 48 m²;
 - (e) not more than 80 percent of the width of the rear yard of any lot is occupied by accessory buildings;
 - (f) roof decks and decks are not located on an accessory building located beyond the permitted building depth as regulated by section 4.16.1 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.
- Two-Family Dwelling, on lots less than 511 m² in area.

2.2.I [Institutional]

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

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:

- the intent of this Schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines; and
- the submission of any advisory group, property owner or tenant.

3.2 Uses

3.2.1 The uses listed in section 3.2.1 may be permitted in the RS-1 District.

- 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.

3.2.1.C [Cultural and Recreational]

- Community Centre or Neighbourhood House.
- Golf Course or Driving Range.
- Library in conjunction with a Community Centre.
- Marina.
- Park or Playground.
- Stadium or Arena.
- Zoo or Botanical Garden.

- 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 in conjunction with a Neighbourhood Grocery Store.
- Infill in conjunction with retention of a character house existing on the site as of January 16, 2018.
- Infill One-Family Dwelling, provided that:
 - it shall be for a caretaker;
 - it shall be subject to the provisions of section 2.2.A regulating Accessory Buildings except that:
 - clause (a) thereof shall not apply to any portion not located within 7.9 m of the ultimate rear property line;
 - clause (c) thereof shall not apply; and
 - clause (b) of section 10.27 of this By-law shall not apply; and

(c) its floor area shall not exceed 75 m² and shall be also counted in the accessory building area.

- One-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite.
- Laneway House.
- 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.
- Lock-off Unit in conjunction with a Two-Family Dwelling, provided that there is no more than one Lock-off Unit for each dwelling unit.
- 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.

3.2.1.I [Institutional]

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

3.2.1.O [Office]

- Temporary Sales Office.

3.2.1.P [Parking]

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

3.2.1.R [Retail]

- Farmers' Market. *Compatibility with nearby sites, parking, traffic, noise, hours of operation, size of facility, pedestrian amenity.*
- Neighbourhood Grocery Store.
- Public Bike Share.

3.2.1.S [Service]

- Bed and Breakfast Accommodation.
- Short Term Rental Accommodation.

3.2.1.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 for a one-family dwelling, one-family dwelling with secondary suite, two-family dwelling, or two-family dwelling with secondary suite, is 334 m², and the minimum site width for a one-family dwelling, one-family dwelling with secondary suite, two-family dwelling, or two-family dwelling with secondary suite, is 7.3 m.

- 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 dwelling shall first require the approval of the Director of Planning.
- 4.1.3 The minimum site area for a dwelling unit for a caretaker shall be 3 000 m².
- 4.1.4 The maximum site area for a two-family dwelling, including a lock-off unit in conjunction with a two-family dwelling, is less than 511 m².
- 4.1.5 The Director of Planning may permit a reduction to the minimum site area requirements (but not the minimum site width) 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;
 - (e) two-family dwelling;
 - (f) two-family dwelling with secondary suite; and
 - (g) infill or multiple conversion dwelling in conjunction with retention of a character house.

4.2 Frontage -- Not Applicable

4.3 Height

- 4.3.1 Height shall not exceed:
- (a) for all uses other than two-family dwelling or two-family dwelling with secondary suite, 9.5 m in height and 2½ storeys, nor exceed the maximum dimensions created by the combination of:
 - (i) a primary envelope located in compliance with the side yard regulation and formed by planes vertically extended 4.9 m in height and then extending inward and upward at an angle of 30 degrees from the horizontal to the point where the planes intersect; and
 - (ii) a secondary envelope located between the required side yards and equal to 60 percent of the site width (except as provided for by section 4.3.2) and formed by planes vertically extended 7.6 m in height and then extending inward and upward at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizontal to the point where the planes intersect.
 - (b) for two-family dwelling or two-family dwelling with secondary suite, 10.7 m and 2 ½ storeys.
- 4.3.2 The secondary envelope need not be less than 9.8 m in width except as limited by the required side yard.
- 4.3.3 Height shall be measured from a hypothetical surface determined by joining the existing grades at the intersections of the hypothetical lines defining the front and rear yards and the side property lines, except that if the Director of Planning is of the opinion that the hypothetical surface determined by joining the existing grades is not compatible with the existing grades of adjoining sites or general topography of the area, the Director of Planning may instead require that height be measured from base surface.
- 4.3.4 Notwithstanding the height limitation in section 4.3.1, the Director of Planning may permit a building to exceed a height of 9.5 m but not to exceed a height of 10.7 m provided that:
- (a) for all uses other than one-family dwelling with secondary suite, the Director of Planning considers:

- (i) the impact of the increased height on views from surrounding development,
 - (ii) the extent to which the increased height improves the roof lines of the building, and
 - (iii) the effect of the increased height on adjacent properties and the character of the area; and
- (b) for one-family dwelling with secondary suite:
- (i) all roofs, except roofs covering only the first storey, have no flat portions, have a minimum slope of 7:12 ratio over the whole roof area and are limited to gable, hip or gambrel roofs, and
 - (ii) the Director of Planning considers the relationship between the height of the floors above the basement floor and the adjacent finished grade.

4.3.5 Where the Director of Planning is prepared to approve an increase in floor space ratio pursuant to section 4.7.1(c), the Director of Planning may permit a building to exceed any of the maximum dimensions of section 4.3.1 provided that in no case shall the height be increased to more than 10.7 m.

4.4 Front Yard

4.4.1 A front yard with a minimum depth of 20 percent of the depth of the site shall be provided, 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;
 - (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 35 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 35 percent of the depth of the site; and
- (d) Entries, porches and verandahs complying with the conditions of section 4.7.3(g) 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% of the width of the building.

4.4.2 Where the Director of Planning is prepared to approve an increase in floor space ratio pursuant to section 4.7.1(c), the Director of Planning may permit a building having a lesser front yard than required in section 4.4.1.

4.5 Side Yard

4.5.1 A side yard shall be provided on each side of the building with a minimum width of not less than the site width multiplied by the percent of site width given by the following formula, except that this percent shall never be less than 10 percent and need never be more than 20 percent:

$$\% \text{ of site width} = \frac{\text{site width in metres}}{1.219} - 5$$

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 10.27 of this By-law.

4.5.3 Where the Director of Planning is prepared to approve an increase in floor space ratio pursuant to section 4.7.1(c), the Director of Planning may permit a building having a lesser side yard than required in section 4.5.1.

4.6 Rear Yard

4.6.1 A rear yard with a minimum depth of 45 percent of the depth of the site shall be provided for all uses except for two-family dwelling or two-family dwelling with secondary suite except that the rear yard to be provided can be reduced to a depth of not less than the greater of the depths of the rear yards of the sites on either side, subject to the following:

- (a) where an abutting site is vacant, it shall be deemed to have a rear yard depth of 45 percent of its site depth;
- (b) where an adjacent site abuts the site by way of its rear property line or is separated by a street or lane, it shall not be used in computing the reduction in the depth of the rear yard to be provided;
- (c) where the site has an exterior side yard, the rear yard to be provided can be reduced to that of the abutting site; and
- (d) any portion of the principal building to be located within that part of the rear yard decreased as provided for in this section 4.6.1 must comply with the provisions of section 2.2.A(a) of this Schedule.

4.6.1A A rear yard with a minimum depth of 40 percent of the depth of the site shall be provided for two-family dwellings or two-family dwellings with secondary suite.

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 Where a building line has been established pursuant to the provisions of section 14.2, 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.

4.6.4 For buildings existing prior to April 12, 1988 the depth of the required rear yard can be reduced by up to 3.1 m, provided that the resulting depth of the principal building does not exceed 35 percent of the depth of the site. The floor of a roof deck or deck located within that part of the rear yard decreased as provided for in this section shall not be any higher than the floor of the first storey of the principal building.

4.6.5 Where the Director of Planning is prepared to approve an increase in floor space ratio pursuant to section 4.7.1(c), the Director of Planning may permit a building having a lesser rear yard than required in section 4.6.1.

4.7 Floor Space Ratio

4.7.1 The floor space ratio for all uses except for two-family dwelling or two-family dwelling with secondary suite shall not exceed 0.60, subject to the following:

- (a) for buildings existing prior to April 12, 1988 the area of all floors at or above finished grade and of the floors of any storey, basement or cellar located below a storey which has

- a floor surface located 2.0 m or more above finished grade, all of which floors are located within the building depth as defined by section 4.16.1 of this Schedule shall not exceed a floor space ratio of 0.20 plus 130 m²;
- (b) in all other cases, the area of all floors at or above finished grade and of the floors of any storey, basement, or cellar located below a storey which has a floor surface located 1.8 m or more above finished grade, all of which floors are located within the building depth as defined by section 4.16.1 of this Schedule, shall not exceed a floor space ratio of 0.20 plus 130 m²;
 - (c) notwithstanding clauses (a) and (b), where a site is 18.2 m or more in width and 500 m² or more in area the Director of Planning may permit an increase in the area of all floors as described in clause (a) or (b) as the case may be, to a floor space ratio not exceeding 0.3 plus 93 m² provided that:
 - (i) the Director of Planning considers the effect of the increase in floor area on adjacent properties and the character of the area, and
 - (ii) the Director of Planning first approves a plan showing existing and proposed trees and landscape;
 - (d) if:
 - (i) the area of all floors at or above finished grade does not exceed the lesser of a floor space ratio of 0.45, and the floor space ratio determined under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 4.7.1,
 - (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 entries, porches and verandahs,
 an increase in the floor space ratio to 0.70 is permissible;
 - (e) 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 entries, porches and verandahs, a basement or cellar is permissible;
 - (f) 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
 - (g) 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.

4.7.1A The floor space ratio for two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite must not exceed 0.70, except that the area of all floors at or above finished grade and of the floors of any storey, basement or cellar located below a storey which has a floor surface located 1.8 m or more above finished grade, all of which floors are located within the building depth as defined by section 4.16.1 of this Schedule, shall not exceed 371 m².

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;

- (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; 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.

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

- (a) balconies and decks and any other appurtenances which, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, are similar to the foregoing, provided that the total area of these exclusions does not exceed 8% of the floor area being provided;
- (b) patios and roof decks, provided that the Director of Planning first considers the effect on privacy and overlook;
- (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 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, up to a maximum of 42 m².
- (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) entries, porches and verandahs and covered porches above the first storey, provided that:
 - (i) for all uses except for two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite, they face a street or a rear property line and entries, porches and verandahs are located at the basement or first storey,
 - (ii) for two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite, they face a street or rear property line,
 - (iii) the side facing the street or rear property line is open or protected by guards that do not exceed the required minimum height,
 - (iv) the total area being excluded, when combined with the balcony and deck exclusions under subsection 4.7.3(a), does not exceed 13% of the floor area being provided,
 - (v) for two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite, the depth of the total area being excluded for entries, porches and verandahs above the first storey does not exceed 1.83 m, and
 - (vi) the ceiling height, excluding roof structure, of the total area being excluded does not exceed 3.1 m measured from the entry, porch or verandah floor;
- (h) unconditioned floor areas with a ceiling height or height to the underside of joists of less than 2.0 m, located below the floors of entries, porches and verandahs complying with subsection 4.7.3(g), to which there is no access from the interior of the building;
- (i) the floor area of a laneway house; and
- (j) for two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite, 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.

4.7.4 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 4.7.3(j) of this Schedule.

4.7.5 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 vary the provisions of section 4.7 to permit the exclusion of floor space used for off-street parking in the principal building up to a maximum of 42 m².

4.8 Site Coverage

4.8.1 The maximum site coverage for buildings shall be:

- (a) 40 percent of the site area for all uses except for two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite; and
- (b) 45 percent of the site area for two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite.

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 decks.

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%.

4.8.4 Where the Director of Planning is prepared to approve an increase in floor space ratio pursuant to section 4.7.1(c), the Director of Planning may permit a greater site coverage than specified in section 4.8.1.

4.8.5 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.

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

4.8.7 Notwithstanding section 4.8.6, 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.

4.8.8 The Director of Planning may vary section 4.8.5 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) the Director of Planning considers the advice of the City Engineer; and
- (c) the Director of Planning considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council.

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

4.10 to 4.15 (Reserved.)

4.16 Building Depth

4.16.1 The distance between the front yard and the rear yard of a site shall not exceed:

- (a) 35 percent of the depth of the site for all uses except for two-family dwelling or two-family dwelling with secondary suite, unless otherwise determined pursuant to the provisions of section 4.6.1; and
- (b) 40 percent of the depth of the site for two-family dwelling or two-family dwelling with secondary suite.

4.16.2 Projections into front yards permitted under section 4.4.1(d) shall not be included in the calculation of building depth.

4.16.3 Where the Director of Planning is prepared to approve an increase in floor space ratio pursuant to section 4.7.1(c), the Director of Planning may permit a greater distance between the front yard and the rear yard of a site than specified in section 4.16.1.

4.16.4 Where the permitted building depth is increased in accordance with section 10.23A.1, sections 4.6.1 (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this schedule do not apply.

4.17 External Design

4.17.1 For the purpose of section 4.17, a front entrance means a door facing the front yard and located at or within 1.8 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 1.8 m of grade or connected to grade by stairs, a ramp or other means.

4.17.2 There shall be no more than:

- (a) one separate and distinct front entrance to a one-family dwelling; and
- (b) two separate and distinct front entrances to a one-family dwelling with secondary suite.

4.17.3 A side entrance to a one-family dwelling or one-family dwelling with secondary suite shall face a street or lane, or be located no less than 5.0 m from the side property line, except that there shall be no more than one side entrance facing each side property line.

4.17.4 The surface of the ground adjoining a building can be lowered only for the purpose of providing:

- (a) a window well for a basement or a cellar, provided that the lowered surface does not extend more than 1.0 m from the surface of a wall;
- (b) a sunken entrance for a basement, provided that:
 - (i) the portion of the building abutting the lowered surface faces either the front street or the rear property line,

- (ii) the lowered surface does not extend more than 3.1 m into the required front or rear yard, measured from the street-facing wall and including stair runs or vertical change in grade between the basement and the existing grade, and
 - (iii) the sum of the widths of all lowered surfaces abutting the building is not greater than half the width of the building or 4.6 m, whichever is the lesser; or
 - (c) a sunken entrance for a cellar in buildings existing prior to June 23, 2020, provided that:
 - (i) it complies with sections 4.17.4(b)(i) through (iii), and
 - (ii) the depth of the lowered surface does not exceed 1.83 m below the average finished grade.
- 4.17.5 Notwithstanding section 4.17.2 or section 4.17.3, the Director of Planning may, on the advice of the Chief Building Official, 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.
- 4.17.6 In two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite, there must be two main entrances, one to each principal dwelling unit.
- 4.17.7 In two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite on a corner site, one main entrance must face the front street and one main entrance must face the flanking street.
- 4.17.8 In two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite, there must be an entry, porch or verandah at each main entrance, with a minimum width and depth of 1.8 m.
- 4.17.9 In two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite, roof design must comply with the following provisions:
- (a) all roofs except for dormer roofs shall have a minimum slope of 7:12 and a maximum slope of 12:12 and 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 7.9 m above the base surface or the floor level of a half-storey or attic above the second storey;
 - (b) dormer roofs shall be gable, hip or shed in form and shall have a minimum slope of 4:12;
 - (c) the maximum total width of dormers provided on a half storey above the second storey must not exceed 50% of the width of the elevation of the storey below;
 - (d) 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; and
 - (e) notwithstanding section 4.17.9(d), 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 may have its face wall flush or continuous with the second storey exterior wall face below.
- 4.17.10 Exterior windows in a secondary suite or lock off unit must have:
- (a) a minimum total glazing area of 10% of the total floor area of the room, in each of the kitchen, living room and dining room; and
 - (b) a minimum total glazing area of 5% of the total floor area of the room, in all other rooms, except bathrooms and laundry rooms.
- 4.17.11 The Director of Planning may vary the requirements of section 4.17 for two-family dwellings and two-family dwellings with secondary suite if, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, the design meets the intent of the regulations for quality and durability of design and architectural expression.

5 Relaxation of Regulations

- 5.1** The Director of Planning may relax the height and yard provisions of sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 and 4.16, and the floor space ratio exclusions for parking in accessory buildings of section 4.7.3(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) the Director of Planning 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.
- 5.2** The Director of Planning may relax the requirements of section 4.8.5 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) the Director of Planning considers all applicable guidelines and policies adopted by Council; and
 - (b) the Director of Planning considers the advice of the City Engineer.