

# RT-4 and RT-4A

## Districts Schedule

### 1 INTENT AND OVERVIEW

#### 1.1 Intent

The intent of this schedule is to encourage the retention of existing residential structures and to maintain a residential neighbourhood character. In the RT-4 district, emphasis is placed on the external design of all new buildings and additions being compatible with the historical character of the area, and on being neighbourly in scale and placement. In the RT-4 district, this emphasis is limited to certain uses.

Without limitation, applicable Council policies and guidelines for consideration include the [RT-4 and RT-4A, RT-5 and RT-6 Guidelines](#).

#### 1.2 Overview

The table below provides an overview of the outright and conditional approval uses in the RT-4 and RT-4A districts, categorized by the minimum site area required, where applicable. Applicable density, form and placement regulations in section 3 of this schedule are cross-referenced in the third column.

Minimum Site Area	Use	Density, Form and Placement Regulations
306 m <sup>2</sup>	Duplex	<a href="#">3.1</a>
	Single Detached House or Single Detached House with Secondary Suite	<a href="#">3.1</a>
--	Other uses in section <a href="#">2.1</a> of this schedule	<a href="#">3.1</a>

### 2 USE REGULATIONS

#### 2.1 Outright and Conditional Approval Uses

All outright and conditional approval uses are subject to all other provisions of this by-law, including [Section 2](#), [Section 10](#) and [Section 11](#), and compliance with the regulations of this schedule including section [2.2](#).

The uses identified in the table below as outright approval uses are permitted in these districts and will be issued a permit.

The uses identified in the table below as conditional approval uses may be approved in these districts by the Director of Planning, with or without conditions, if the Director of Planning 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.

Uses are listed under their general land use category. Applicable use-specific regulations in section 2.2 of this schedule are cross-referenced in the third column. Cross-references to applicable use-specific regulations are provided for information purposes only and do not form part of this by-law.

<b>Use</b>	<b>Approval</b>	<b>Use-Specific Regulations</b>
<b>Agricultural Uses</b>		
Urban Farm - Class A	Conditional	
<b>Cultural and Recreational Uses</b>		
Community Centre or Neighbourhood House	Conditional	
Library, in combination with Community Centre	Conditional	
Park or Playground	Conditional	
<b>Dwelling Uses</b>		
Duplex, only in the RT-4A district	Outright	
Duplex, only in the RT-4 district	Conditional	
Infill	Conditional	
Mixed-Use Residential Building	Conditional	<a href="#">2.2.1</a>
Multiple Conversion Dwelling, containing 2 dwelling units	Outright	<a href="#">2.2.2</a>
Multiple Conversion Dwelling, not permitted as an outright approval use and resulting from the conversion of a building existing on the site as of December 6, 1977	Conditional	<a href="#">2.2.3</a>
Seniors Supportive or Independent Living Housing	Conditional	
Single Detached House, only in the RT-4A district	Outright	
Single Detached House, only in the RT-4 district	Conditional	
Single Detached House with Secondary Suite	Conditional	
<b>Institutional Uses</b>		
Ambulance Station	Conditional	
Child Day Care Facility	Conditional	
Church	Conditional	
Community Care or Assisted Living Facility - Class A	Outright	<a href="#">2.2.4</a>
Community Care or Assisted Living Facility - Class B	Conditional	

Use	Approval	Use-Specific Regulations
Group Residence	Conditional	
Hospital	Conditional	
Public Authority Use, essential in these districts	Conditional	
School - Elementary or Secondary	Conditional	
Social Service Centre	Conditional	
<b>Office Uses</b>		
Temporary Sales Office	Conditional	
<b>Retail Uses</b>		
Farmers' Market	Conditional	<a href="#">2.2.5</a>
Neighbourhood Grocery Store	Conditional	
Public Bike Share	Conditional	
Shared E-Scooter System	Conditional	
<b>Service Uses</b>		
Bed and Breakfast Accommodation	Conditional	
Short Term Rental Accommodation	Conditional	
<b>Utility and Communication Uses</b>		
Public Utility	Conditional	
<b>uncategorized</b>		
Accessory Buildings, customarily ancillary to any use listed in this section <a href="#">2.1</a>	Outright	<a href="#">2.2.6</a> , <a href="#">2.2.7</a>
Accessory Buildings, customarily ancillary to any use listed in this section <a href="#">2.1</a> and not permitted as an outright approval use	Conditional	
Accessory Uses, customarily ancillary to any outright approval use listed in this section <a href="#">2.1</a>	Outright	
Accessory Uses, customarily ancillary to any conditional approval use listed in this section <a href="#">2.1</a>	Conditional	
Deposition or extraction of material, which alters the configuration of the land	Conditional	

## 2.2 Use-Specific Regulations

- 2.2.1 The only non-dwelling use permitted in a mixed-use residential building is neighbourhood grocery store.
- 2.2.2 Multiple conversion dwelling containing 2 dwelling units is permitted as an outright approval use if:
- there are no additions to the building;
  - no housekeeping or sleeping units are created; and

- (c) no development permit is issued until the requisite permits required by other by-laws that relate to design, construction and safety of buildings are issuable.

2.2.3 Multiple conversion dwelling that is not permitted as an outright approval use, resulting from the conversion of a building existing on the site as of December 6, 1977, may be permitted as a conditional approval use if:

- (a) the Director of Planning considers the quality and liveability of the resulting units, the suitability of the building for conversion in terms of age and size, and the impact of the conversion on adjacent properties and the character of the area;
- (b) building additions are in keeping with the character of the building; and
- (c) no housekeeping or sleeping units are created.

2.2.4 Community care or assisted living facility - class A is subject to the regulations, variations and relaxations that apply to single detached house.

2.2.5 Farmers' market may be permitted if the Director of Planning considers the appropriateness of the use with respect to compatibility with nearby sites, parking, traffic, noise, hours of operation, size of facility and pedestrian amenity.

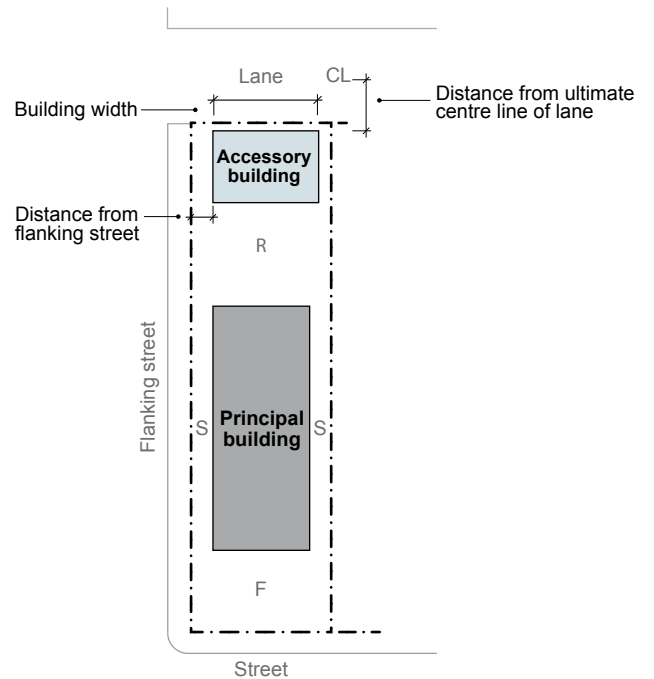
2.2.6 Accessory buildings customarily ancillary to any use listed in section 2.1 of this schedule, are permitted as an outright approval use if:

- (a) no accessory building exceeds 3.7 m in height, measured to:
  - (i) the highest point of a flat roof,
  - (ii) the deck line of a mansard roof, or
  - (iii) the mean height between the eaves and the ridge of a gable, hip or gambrel roof,provided that no portion of an accessory building exceeds 4.6 m in building height;
- (b) all accessory buildings are located:
  - (i) in the rear yard,
  - (ii) at least 3.1 m from the ultimate centre line of any rear or flanking lane, and
  - (iii) at least 1.5 m from a flanking street;
- (c) the total floor area of all accessory buildings, measured to the extreme outer limits of the building, does not exceed 35% of the required minimum rear yard, or 48 m<sup>2</sup>, whichever is the greater;
- (d) the combined building width for all accessory buildings does not exceed 80% of the width of the site at the rear property line; and
- (e) roof decks and decks are not located on an accessory building.

2.2.7 The Director of Planning may vary the floor area and site coverage regulations for accessory buildings and provisions of the **Parking By-law** provided that:

- (a) the Director of Planning is satisfied that adequate off-street parking on any site less than 36.6 m in depth cannot otherwise be accommodated; and
- (b) in developments with a carport or garage, the Director of Planning considers the impact on neighbouring sites of building height, shadow, open space and landscaping.

**Diagram: Building placement for accessory building**



CL	Centre line	F	Front yard
R	Rear yard	- - -	Property line
S	Side yard		

### **3 DENSITY, FORM AND PLACEMENT REGULATIONS**

This section contains density, form and placement regulations organized by use.

#### **3.1 All Uses**

Duplex, single detached house, single detached house with secondary suite, uses involving character house retention, and all other uses in these districts are subject to the following regulations.

##### **3.1.1 Density and Floor Area**

3.1.1.1 The maximum floor space ratio is 0.60.

##### **3.1.2 Building Form and Placement**

<b>Regulations</b>	<b>RT-4 and RT-4A</b>
3.1.2.1 Minimum site area for:	
(a) duplex	306 m <sup>2</sup>
(b) single detached house or single detached house with secondary suite	
3.1.2.2 Maximum building height	10.7 m and 3 storeys
3.1.2.3 Minimum front yard depth	7.3 m
3.1.2.4 Minimum side yard width where the site width:	
(a) does not exceed 15.0 m	10% of the site width
(b) exceeds 15.0 m	1.5 m
3.1.2.5 Minimum rear yard depth	10.7 m
3.1.2.6 Maximum site coverage for all buildings	45% of the site area

##### **Site Area**

3.1.2.7 The Director of Planning may decrease the minimum site area if:

- (a) the lot was on record in the Land Title Office prior to August 10, 1976; or
- (b) the lot is consistent in width and area with parcels in the established blockface and development would be consistent with established lawful development in the blockface.

**Building Height**

3.1.2.8 Despite the maximum building height in section 3.1.2.2 above, the third storey must be a partial storey not exceeding 50% of the storey immediately below.

**Front Yard**

3.1.2.9 The Director of Planning may decrease the minimum front yard depth if the Director of Planning considers the depths of the adjacent front yards, the intent of this schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines.

**Side Yard**

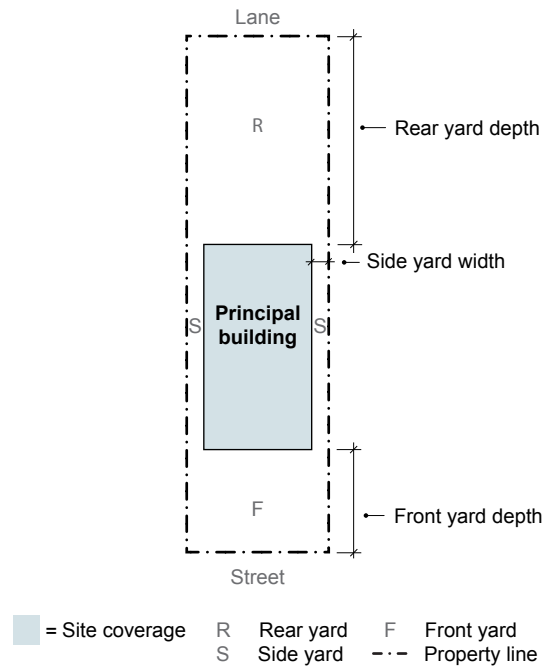
3.1.2.10 For infill, the Director of Planning may decrease the minimum side yard width in order to maintain the character of the neighbourhood, including where possible the retention of existing buildings, if the Director of Planning considers the intent of this schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines.

**Rear Yard**

3.1.2.11 Despite the minimum rear yard depth in section 3.1.2.5 above, where the rear of a site abuts a lane, the required minimum rear yard depth will be decreased by the distance between the rear property line and the ultimate centre line of the lane.

3.1.2.12 For infill, the Director of Planning may decrease the minimum rear yard depth in order to maintain the character of the neighbourhood, including where possible the retention of existing buildings, if the Director of Planning considers the intent of this schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines.

**Diagram: Building placement for all uses**



## 4 GENERAL REGULATIONS

All uses in these districts are subject to the following regulations.

### 4.1 Computation of Floor Area

4.1.1 Computation of floor area must include:

- (a) all floors, including earthen floor, measured to the extreme outer limits of the building including accessory buildings; and
- (b) stairways, fire escapes, elevator shafts and other features that the Director of Planning considers similar to the foregoing, measured by their gross cross-sectional areas and included in the measurements for each floor at which they are located.

4.1.2 Computation of floor area must exclude:

- (a) balconies and decks, and any other appurtenances that the Director of Planning considers similar to the foregoing, provided that the total area of these exclusions does not exceed 8% of the permitted floor area;
- (b) patios and roof decks, if the Director of Planning considers the impact 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 dwelling units, or uses that the Director of Planning considers similar to the foregoing, those floors or portions thereof, which are located:
  - (i) at or below base surface, provided that the maximum exclusion for a parking space does not exceed 7.3 m in length, or
  - (ii) above base surface and where developed as off-street parking are contained in an accessory building located in the rear yard, provided that the maximum exclusion for a parking space does not exceed 7.3 m in length;
- (d) child day care facilities to a maximum floor area of 10% of the permitted floor area, if the Director of Planning is satisfied that there is a need for a child day care facility in the immediate neighbourhood;
- (e) areas of undeveloped floors that are located:
  - (i) above the highest storey or partial storey, and to which there is no permanent means of access other than a hatch, or
  - (ii) adjacent to a storey or partial 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, if:
  - (i) the side facing the street or rear property line is open or protected by guards that do not exceed the required minimum height, and



- (ii) the total area of these exclusions, when combined with the balcony and deck exclusions under section **4.1.2(a)** above, does not exceed 13% of the permitted floor area; and
- (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 section **4.1.2(g)** above, to which there is no access from the interior of the building.

## **4.2 Site Coverage**

- 4.2.1 The maximum site coverage for any portion of the site used as parking area is 30%.