

RT-2 District Schedule

1 Intent

The intent of this Schedule is to permit two-family dwellings and to conditionally permit, in some instances, low density multiple-family housing.

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 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 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 is occupied by accessory buildings.

- 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;
 - (c) the number of dwelling units is limited to two; and
 - (d) no development permit shall be issued until the requisite permits required by other by-laws that relate to design, construction and safety of buildings are issuable.
- One-Family Dwelling.
- Two-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, 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.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.C [Cultural and Recreational]

- Club, provided that no commercial activities are carried on and the use does not adversely impact adjacent residential premises.
- 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 existing as of July 29, 1980, subject to the provisions of section 11.16 of this By-law.
- Multiple Conversion Dwelling, resulting from the conversion of a building existing as of June 18, 1956, provided that:
 - (a) before making a decision the Development Permit Board 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) where the Multiple Conversion Dwelling will contain more than two units, building additions shall not be permitted.
- Multiple Dwelling.
- One-Family Dwelling with Secondary Suite.
- Seniors Supportive or Assisted Housing, subject to section 11.17 of this By-law.

3.2.I [Institutional]

- Ambulance.
- 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.
- 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.O [Office]
- Temporary Sales Office, subject to the provisions of section 11.26 of this By-law.
- 3.2.P [Parking]
- Parking Area ancillary to a principal use on an adjacent site.
- 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.
- 3.2.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 shall be:
- 445 m² for a two-family dwelling;
 - 668 m² for a multiple dwelling.

4.2 Frontage -- Not Applicable.

4.3 Height

- 4.3.1 A building shall not exceed 9.2 m in height and shall not have more than two storeys plus a cellar or one storey plus a basement.

4.4 Front Yard

- 4.4.1 A front yard with a minimum depth of 7.3 m shall be provided.
- 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.

4.5 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 it need not be more than 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.

4.5.3 For a multiple dwelling, a side yard with a minimum width of 2.1 m shall be provided on each side of any principal building, but the minimum width shall be increased so that the outer walls of the building are contained within a 135 degree angle extended horizontally and measured inwardly from any and all points on the side property lines.

4.6 Rear Yard

4.6.1 A rear yard with a minimum depth of 10.7 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 In the case of a site having an average depth of less than 36.5 m, the required rear yard may be reduced in accordance with section 11.2 of this By-law.

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.

4.7 Floor Space Ratio

4.7.1 The floor space ratio shall not exceed 0.60, except for multiple dwellings or seniors supportive or assisted housing in which case the floor space ratio shall not exceed 0.75.

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; and
- (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; 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 above the basement times 0.01.

4.7.3 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 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 situated in the rear yard, provided that the maximum exclusion for a parking space shall not exceed 7.3 m in length.
- (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) portions of exterior walls contributing to thermal and building envelope performance, in accordance with the provisions of section 10.33 - Exterior Wall Exclusions, in Section 10 of the General Regulations of the Zoning & Development By-law; 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 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 For a multiple dwelling or seniors supportive or assisted housing, the maximum coverage of the site by surface parking, accessory buildings, manoeuvring aisles, driveways, loading areas, other vehicular facilities and all principal buildings shall be 40 percent where no principal building exceeds 9.2 m, two storeys plus a cellar or one storey plus a basement in height, or 55 percent where no principal building exceeds 6.1 m or one storey plus a cellar in height.
- 4.8.5 For a multiple dwelling or seniors supportive or assisted housing, in the case of a sloping site where a structure is located in or beneath a yard, the structure shall be excluded from the site coverage calculation provided that it does not, except for required earth cover, permitted fences and similar items, project above the average elevation of the portions of the streets, lanes or sites located adjacent to such structure, and does not, in any event, project more than 1.0 m above the actual elevation of adjoining streets, lanes and sites.

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

4.10 Horizontal Angle of Daylight

- 4.10.1 All habitable rooms in buildings containing 3 or more dwelling units shall have at least 1 window on an exterior wall which complies with the following:
 - (a) the window shall be located so that a plane or planes extending from the window and formed by an angle of 50 degrees, or 2 angles with a sum of 70 degrees, shall be unobstructed over a distance of 24.0 m; and
 - (b) the plane or planes shall be measured horizontally from the centre of the bottom of the window.

- 4.10.2 For the purpose of section 4.10.1 the following shall be considered as obstructions:
- (a) the theoretically equivalent buildings located on any adjoining sites in any R district in a corresponding position by rotating the plot plan of the proposed building 180 degrees about a horizontal axis located on the property lines of the proposed site;
 - (b) part of the same building, including permitted projections;
 - (c) the maximum size building permitted under the appropriate C or M District Schedule if the site adjoins a C or M site.
- 4.10.3 For the purpose of section 4.10.1, the following shall not be considered as habitable rooms:
- (a) bathrooms; and
 - (b) kitchens, unless the floor area is greater than 10 percent of the total floor area of the dwelling unit, or 9.3 m², whichever is the greater.
- 5 Relaxation of Regulations
- 5.1** The Director of Planning may relax the minimum site area requirements 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 September 7, 1965, and has an area of not less than the minimum noted:
- (a) two-family dwelling, with a minimum lot area of 353 m².