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Greetings Mayor and Council,

Please see attached memo regarding secured rental policy implementation. The summary bullets and the RTS referral numbers are below.

- This memo provides Council with an update on the consultation timeline and process for the implementation of the Secured Rental Housing Policy. Due to COVID 19 outbreak, staff are closing the current public feedback period and will re-open a new period for public feedback when a revised process and timeline is confirmed. The process may include revisions to the proposed implementation actions in response to public feedback received to date.
- In the meantime, staff will continue to assess public feedback received to date and prepare responses to all questions asked as part of this process.
- Staff will notify the public through the City's website and through the list serve of interested residents, and will continue to work towards the delivery of this important Council initiative as quickly as possible.

RTS 013682 - REFERRAL - New Rental Tenure District Schedules for Rezoning Under the Secured Rental Policy

RTS 013645 - REFERRAL - Amendment to the Zoning and Development By-law in C-2 Zones for Rental Housing

Please contact Gil Kelley at gil.kelley@vancouver.ca if you have any questions.

Best,
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MEMORANDUM

April 3, 2020

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FROM: Gil Kelley
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SUBJECT: Secured Rental Policy Implementation - Next Steps and Public Engagement Update

This memo shares an update that has been provided as of Friday, April 3, 2020 in response to ongoing public questions and concerns regarding next steps for the Secured Rental Policy implementation.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created significant and rapidly evolving challenges for all of the work of the City and of the Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability Department, especially those initiatives with active public engagement programs.

Staff are continuing to assess what, how and when the different parts of the Secured Rental Policy implementation may be able to proceed while we adjust to the current circumstances and focus resources to the City's emergency response and recovery efforts. Our priority continues to be ensuring the health and safety of everyone in the community.

In light of the impacts of COVID-19 and the need to fully evaluate the public response to the Secured Rental Policy implementation actions received to date, it is clear that additional time and analysis is needed. In particular, significant commentary has been received on rezoning policy for low-density (RS and RT) areas. In response, staff will be taking the following steps:

- The current opportunity for comments and feedback on the proposed implementation actions will close today, Friday April 3, 2020, as planned. This will ensure that staff can review all of the input and questions received and address them comprehensively as part of the next steps.

- After considering the public comments so far, staff may suggest revisions to the proposed implementation actions and will reopen the public comment period to ensure an opportunity for additional feedback is provided. Staff will provide notice of the new public comment period as soon as the revised process and timeline have been determined.
- Before reporting back to Council, staff will determine more specific next steps for each of the key topic areas that make up this work, including:
 - Proposed new rental zones and policy refinements to improve the implementation of the Secured Rental Policy in low density (RS and RT) transition areas
 - Proposed changes to the C-2 zoning districts to allow rental buildings up to 6 storeys through a development permit process rather than rezoning
 - Proposed changes to the C-2 zoning districts for all new mixed-use development (e.g. improved retail space requirements)
- As part of the next steps, staff will continue to develop a FAQ document along with a web-based presentation on the proposed actions in low-density areas. These will be provided along with web and email updates to keep the public informed of our progress on the work. Staff will also respond to all of the questions received to date and responses will be shared as soon as possible.



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