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**Subject:** Memo - Permit Applications in RS Zones - January 2019

**Attachments:** Memo to Mayor and Council - Permit Applications in RS Zones - January 20....pdf

Greetings Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Gil Kelley, regarding Permit Applications in RS Zones. A short summary is as follows –

- On December 19, 2018 Council decided to continue to allow duplex zoning in RS zones as a trial housing option
- Council directed staff to monitor and report back to Council monthly on the number of duplex applications in RS zones and other information
- The attached memo provides the first monthly update report to January 31, 2019

Should you have any questions, please contact Gil Kelley, GM of Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability at 604.873.7456 or [Gil.Kelley@vancouver.ca](mailto:Gil.Kelley@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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## MEMORANDUM

February 20, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: Permit Applications in RS Zones - January 2019

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Dear Mayor and Council,

On December 19, 2018, Council passed a resolution that the current Zoning and Development By-law regulations that allow for duplexes to be built in most RS zones will remain in place as a trial housing option to be further discussed, field tested and evaluated over the next year. Further, Council directed that during the trial period, staff are to *"monitor and report back to Council monthly, with information, including the number of applications and approvals for duplexes in RS Zones, and the number of legal rental housing units at risk, including a map to display the locations of any applications and/or approvals."*

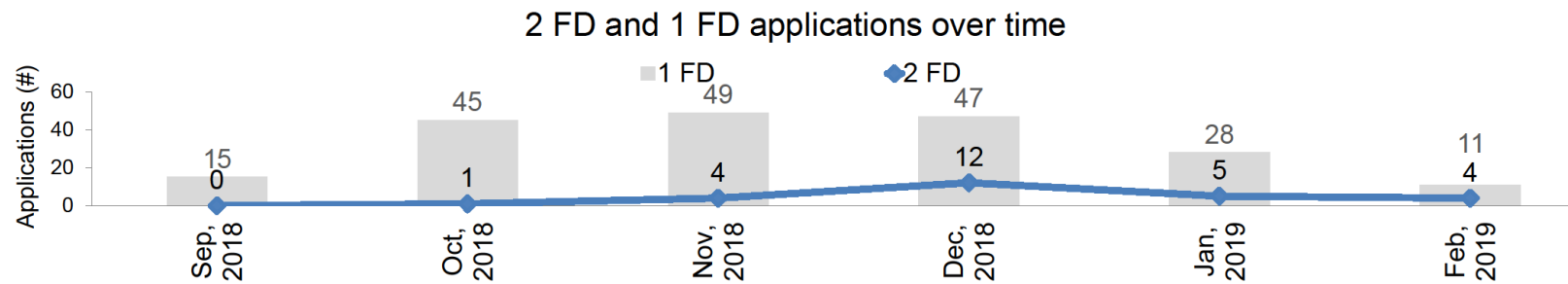
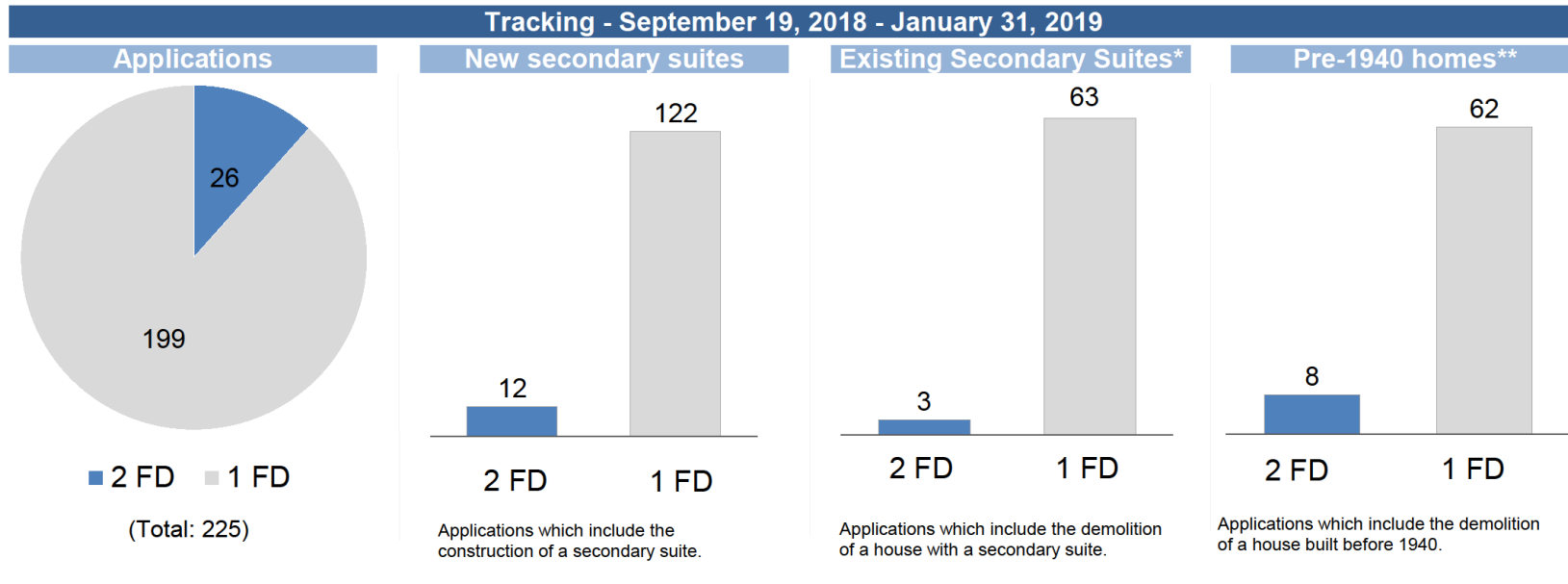
This memo including appendices, provides a monthly update report on permit applications for one-family and two-family dwellings in RS zones up to and including January 31, 2019. Since the Zoning and Development By-law was amended at public hearing on September 19, 2018, to allow duplexes in RS zones, applications for two-family dwellings (duplex) account for about 11% (22 of 206) of all applications for principal dwellings in RS zones received to date.



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## Appendix A: Overview of One-Family Dwelling and Two-Family Dwelling (duplex) Applications in RS zones



\* Source: BC Assessment. 'Suites' includes all known secondary units and many of these may not be permitted or occupied. The City is working to better understand the stock of legal secondary suites in RS zones.

\*\* Homes built before 1940, particularly those in RS-3, RS-3A, and RS-5, often exhibit character merit. Not all pre-1940 homes are character homes.

**Appendix B: Map of One-family Dwelling (1FD) and Two-Family Dwelling (duplex) applications in RS zones**

