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Subject: Upcoming news release: Development Building Permit Application Pathway for Multiplexes (October 15, 2024)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release on Tuesday, October 15, regarding the Development Building Permit application pathway for multiplexes. Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account at 9 am.

The Development Building Permit application pathway is an initiative from our Permitting Improvement Program designed to support faster approval of certain multiplex permit applications.

Angela will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x'm k'y'm (Musqueam), S'wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and s'liłw'ta (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

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Vancouver speeds up multiplex permits to expedite missing middle housing

Effective early 2025, the City of Vancouver will cut permitting times for certain multiplex applications by approximately 50 per cent through a streamlined Development Building Permit application pathway.

This initiative is a major milestone for the City's [Permitting Improvement Program](#), bringing it closer to achieving the [Council-adopted 3-3-3-1 Permit Approval Framework](#) and enabling faster approval of much-needed housing.

"As Vancouver grows and evolves, it's crucial that our housing options meet the diverse needs of our community," says Mayor Ken Sim. "The streamlined development building permit for multiplexes is a key example of how we're cutting red tape and prioritizing the approval of more 'missing middle' housing, which bridges the gap between single-detached homes and large apartment buildings."

Currently, multiplex projects are required to apply for a separate development permit followed by a building permit. The development building permit combines these two processes into one application. This eliminates redundancies and significantly reduces both staff review time and applicant revision requirements. Multiplex applications with up to four dwellings on a single site and no more than two

units per building will qualify.

"This change will streamline the journey from planning to construction for multiplex developers," says Corrie Okell, General Manager, Development, Buildings & Licensing. "It underscores our commitment to transparency, predictability, accuracy, consistency, and timeliness in the permitting process."

Looking ahead, the City plans to expand the development building permit pathway to encompass more types of multiplex developments, further supporting the growth and diversity of Vancouver's housing market.

For more information on development building permits for multiplexes, please visit:
<https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/build-a-multiplex-dwelling.aspx>.