CONSIDERING YOUR OPTIONS IN LOW DENSITY AREAS? (R1-1 ZONE)















Did you know there have been a number of changes to the R1-1 district in recent years?

Homeowners have options for additional housing units in the R1-1 zone, including:

- Secondary Suites
- Laneway Houses (LWH)
- Character Infill
- Duplex
- Multiple Dwelling (Multiplex)

Useful Resources:

Development permit webpage:

<u>vancouver.ca/home-property-development/development-</u> permit.aspx

Combined permit webpage:

 $\underline{vancouver.ca/home-property-development/development-building-permit-combined-permit.aspx}$

R1-1 Housing Options How-to Guide:

bylaws.vancouver.ca/bulletin/bulletin-r1-1-how-to-guide. pdf

Character merit assessment webpage:

vancouver.ca/home-property-development/character-merit-assessment.aspx

Guidelines for additions, infill and multiple conversion dwelling in association with the retention of a character house in R1-1:

vancouver.ca/files/cov/G018.pdf

Submission Checklist:

vancouver.ca/home-property-development/application-forms-and-checklists.aspx

Demolition permit with recycling and deconstruction requirements:

vancouver.ca/home-property-development/demolition-permit-with-recycling-requirements.aspx

Before you get started with development...



Consult with BC Hydro to understand requirements for electrical services such as a transformer on the site, particularly for sites with more than 3 units. An area must be designated to accommodate such equipment, generally within the rear yard, unless BC Hydro provides confirmation that a transformer is not required.



Are you aware of the Protection of Trees By-law? This By-law defines when trees can be removed, when they must be replaced, and more. You need a permit to remove a tree or hedge on private property if you meet certain criteria. For development sites, we issue the tree removal permit with the associated building permit.



A requirement for a storm water tank will be included in the Vancouver Building By-law for all multiple dwellings (multiplexes). It should generally be located underground in the front yard.

Engaging a professional early on in your process is recommended. A service of an architect will be required for any building with an area equal or greater to 600 m², or a building that has 5 or more dwelling units. Refer to the Architects Regulation of BC.

Character merit assessment of the existing house is only required for Character House Retention projects. Character merit assessment is not required for new construction options (House, Duplex, LWH, Multiplex) to determine the permitted FSR or recycling rate.

For questions contact:





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