SECURED RENTAL POLICY FOR LOW-DENSITY TRANSITION AREAS DRAFT ELIGIBILITY MAP (UPDATED JUNE 2020)

The City of Vancouver has had a policy supporting rental housing in low-density residential areas since 2012. The policy allowed Council to consider rezoning applications for rental townhouses and apartment buildings in areas zoned for single family houses or duplexes. To encourage more secured rental housing, improve livability and address climate change, Council updated the policy in 2019. We are now working to refine and implement the policy.



A detailed version of this map is provided on the next page.

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g Locational Requirements

- The Secured Rental Policy enables rezonings to be considered for sites in areas zoned for houses and duplexes (zoned RS or RT) if they meet the following locational criteria:
 - Outside of recently approved or upcoming community plan areas; and
 - 2. On a block adjacent to an arterial road
 - 3. Within approximately a 5 minute walk (400 metres) of
 - A park or public school; and
 - Commercial spaces (including shops, restaurants and services) with a combined total floor space of at least 15,000 ft²

Minor refinements have been made to the map to ensure clarity and consistency, including:

- Individual blocks that meet the criteria above, but were isolated from other eligible blocks, were removed.
- Individual blocks that created a gap between other eligible blocks were added.

Eligible Areas: Comparing Secured Rental Policy with Previous Policy

Since 2012 the City has encouraged rental housing in many of the same areas through a policy called the <u>Affordable</u> <u>Housing Choices Interim Rezoning</u> <u>Policy</u> (AHC IRP).

The map below shows locations eligible under the previous policy.







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The draft Eligibility Map shows the areas that meet the the Secured Rental Policy's locational criteria for lowdensity zones (RS/ RT).

The map is a general illustration, and other policy requirements beyond the locational criteria will also apply to determine eligibility.

Diagrams that further illustrate how the policy applies to specific blocks in the areas identified on the map are provided on the next page.



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Diagrams to Explain the Eligibility Map

Parallel Blocks

In cases where blocks are parallel to arterial roads, the block face on the arterial road illustrated in dark blue would be eligible for "on arterial" options. The other block face that is part of that block (across the lane) illustrated in light blue would be eligible for "off arterial" options.

Perpendicular Blocks

In cases where blocks are perpendicular to an arterial road and none of the lots front onto the arterial road, both block faces would be eligible only for "off arterial" options.

Mixed Blocks

In cases where blocks include block faces with different orientations, the block face on the arterial road would be eligible for "on arterial" options. The other block faces (across the lane) would be eligible for "off arterial" options.







What is a block face?

A block face is a part of a block where all the houses face in the same direction. A block usually includes more than one block face that are separated by a laneway, as shown below.



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