

RS-1B

District Schedule

1 INTENT AND OVERVIEW

1.1 Intent

The intent of the schedule is to maintain the residential character of the area in the form of duplexes, single detached houses, secondary suites, laneway houses, infill or 2 single detached houses on some sites, and infill and multiple conversion dwellings in combination with the retention of character houses. Duplexes on sites larger than 511 m² must include at least 1 secondary suite. Acoustic regulations in [Section 10](#) of this by-law apply for all dwelling units.

Without limitation, applicable Council policies and guidelines for consideration include the Riverside [RS-1B Guidelines](#) and [Guidelines for Additions, Infill and Multiple Conversion Dwelling in Association with the Retention of a Character House in an RS Zone](#).

1.2 Overview

The table below provides an overview of the outright and conditional approval uses in the RS-1B, categorized by the minimum site area required, where applicable. Applicable density, form and placement regulations in section [3](#) of this schedule are cross-referenced in the third column.

Minimum Site Area	Use	Density, Form and Placement Regulations
334 m ²	Duplex or Duplex with Secondary Suite	3.1
	Single Detached House or Single Detached House with Secondary Suite	3.1
	Single Detached House in combination with another Single Detached House	3.1
	Infill Single Detached House (other than in combination with the retention of a character house)	3.1
--	Other uses in section 2.1 of this schedule	3.1

2 USE REGULATIONS

2.1 Outright and Conditional Approval Uses

All outright and conditional approval uses are subject to all other provisions of this by-law, including [Section 2](#), [Section 10](#) and [Section 11](#), and compliance with the regulations of this schedule including section [2.2](#).

The uses identified in the table below as outright approval uses are permitted in this district and will be issued a permit.

The uses identified in the table below as conditional approval uses may be approved in this district by the Director of Planning, with or without conditions, if the Director of Planning considers:

- (a) the intent of this schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines; and
- (b) the submission of any advisory group, property owner or tenant.

Uses are listed under their general land use category. Applicable use-specific regulations in section [2.2](#) of this schedule are cross-referenced in the third column. Cross-references to applicable use-specific regulations are provided for information purposes only and do not form part of this by-law.

Use	Approval	Use-Specific Regulations
Agricultural Uses		
Urban Farm – Class A	Conditional	
Cultural and Recreational Uses		
Park or Playground	Conditional	
Dwelling Uses		
Duplex	Outright	
Duplex with Secondary Suite	Conditional	2.2.1
Infill, in combination with the retention of a character house existing on the site as of January 16, 2018	Conditional	
Infill Single Detached House, other than in combination with the retention of a character house existing on the site as of January 16, 2018	Conditional	2.2.2
Laneway House	Conditional	2.2.3
Mixed-Use Residential Building	Conditional	2.2.4
Multiple Conversion Dwelling, resulting from the conversion of a character house existing on the site as of January 16, 2018	Conditional	2.2.5
Principal Dwelling Unit with Lock-Off Unit	Conditional	2.2.6
Seniors Supportive or Assisted Housing	Conditional	
Single Detached House	Outright	

Use	Approval	Use-Specific Regulations
Single Detached House with Secondary Suite	Conditional	
Single Detached House, in combination with another Single Detached House	Conditional	2.2.2
Institutional Uses		
Child Day Care Facility	Conditional	
Community Care Facility – Class A	Outright	2.2.7
Community Care Facility – Class B	Conditional	
Group Residence	Conditional	
Social Service Centre	Conditional	
Office Uses		
Temporary Sales Office	Conditional	
Retail Uses		
Farmers' Market	Conditional	2.2.8
Neighbourhood Grocery Store	Conditional	
Public Bike Share	Conditional	
Service Uses		
Bed and Breakfast Accommodation	Conditional	
Short Term Rental Accommodation	Conditional	
Utility and Communication Uses		
Public Utility	Conditional	
uncategorized		
Accessory Buildings, customarily ancillary to any use listed in this section 2.1	Outright	2.2.9
Accessory Buildings, customarily ancillary to any use listed in this section 2.1 and not permitted as an outright approval use	Conditional	
Accessory Uses, customarily ancillary to any outright approval use listed in this section 2.1	Outright	
Accessory Uses, customarily ancillary to any conditional approval use listed in this section 2.1	Conditional	
Deposition or extraction of material, which alters the configuration of the land	Conditional	

2.2 Use-Specific Regulations

2.2.1 Duplex with secondary suite must have no more than 1 secondary suite for each dwelling unit.

- 2.2.2 Infill single detached house or a single detached house in combination with another single detached house may be permitted if:
- (a) the site has a secondary access, by way of either a lane or a flanking street;
 - (b) it is located within the rear yard; and
 - (c) the maximum number of dwelling units on a site is 2.

2.2.3 Laneway house is regulated by [Section 11](#) of this by-law and sections [3](#) and [4](#) of this schedule do not apply.

2.2.4 The only non-dwelling use permitted in a mixed-use residential building is neighbourhood grocery store.

2.2.5 Multiple conversion dwelling resulting from the conversion of a character house existing on the site as of January 16, 2018, may be permitted if it contains no housekeeping or sleeping units.

2.2.6 Principal dwelling unit with lock-off unit may be permitted only in:

- (a) a duplex and there may be no more than 1 lock-off unit for each dwelling unit; and
- (b) a duplex with secondary suite if there is only 1 secondary suite and only 1 lock-off unit, and the lock-off unit is in the dwelling unit without a secondary suite.

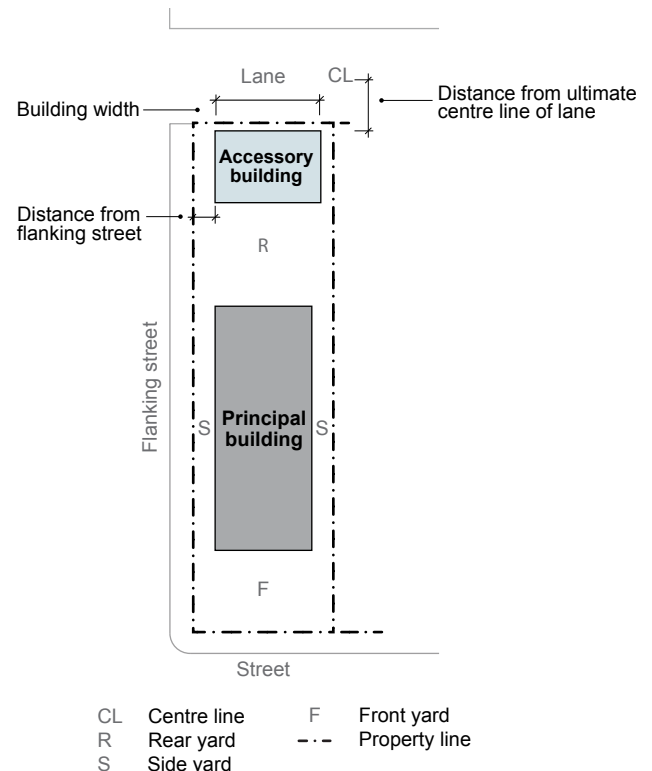
2.2.7 Community care facility – class A is subject to the regulations, variations and relaxations that apply to single detached house.

2.2.8 Farmers' market may be permitted if the Director of Planning considers the appropriateness of the use with respect to compatibility with nearby sites, parking, traffic, noise, hours of operation, size of facility and pedestrian amenity.

2.2.9 Accessory buildings customarily ancillary to any use listed in section [2.1](#) of this schedule are permitted as an outright approval use if:

- (a) no accessory building exceeds 3.7 m in height, measured to:
 - (i) the highest point of a flat roof,
 - (ii) the deck line of a mansard roof, or
 - (iii) the mean height between the eaves and the ridge of a gable, hip or gambrel roof,

Diagram: Building placement for accessory building



provided that no portion of an accessory building exceeds 4.6 m in building height;

- (b) all accessory buildings are located:
 - (i) in the rear yard, and
 - (ii) at least 3.1 m from the ultimate centre line of any rear or flanking lane, and
 - (iii) at least 1.5 m from a flanking street;
- (c) for all uses except for duplex and duplex with secondary suite, the total floor area of all accessory buildings, measured to the extreme outer limits of the building, does not exceed 35% of the minimum rear yard prescribed in this schedule, or 48 m², whichever is greater, except that the total allowable accessory building floor area will be reduced by the floor area of a laneway house;
- (d) for duplex and duplex with secondary suite, the total floor area of all accessory buildings, measured to the extreme outer limits of the building, does not exceed 48 m²; and
- (e) the combined building width for all accessory buildings does not exceed 80% of the width of the site at the rear property line.

3 DENSITY, FORM AND PLACEMENT REGULATIONS

This section contains density, form and placement regulations organized by use.

3.1 All Uses

Duplex, duplex with secondary suite, single detached house, single detached house with secondary suite, infill single detached house, uses involving character house retention, and all other uses in this district are subject to the following regulations.

3.1.1 Density and Floor Area

3.1.1.1 The maximum floor space ratio for all uses except duplex and duplex with secondary suite is 0.60, provided that the floor area of a rear single detached house or infill single detached house must not exceed 40% of the total floor area, except that:

- (a) where an existing lot is less than 7.3 m in width, the maximum floor space ratio must not exceed 0.45;
- (b) the floor space ratio is increased to 0.70 if:
 - (i) the area of all floors at or above finished grade does not exceed the lesser of a floor space ratio of 0.45,
 - (ii) the area of any floor, including the basement or cellar, does not exceed a floor space ratio of 0.25, and
 - (iii) no portion of the basement or cellar projects horizontally beyond the perimeter of the first storey, including entries, porches and verandahs;
- (c) for buildings existing prior to July 7, 2009, the floor space ratio for the area of all floors at, above or below finished grade, is increased to 0.75 to permit the addition of a basement or cellar, if:
 - (i) the area of all floors at or above finished grade does not exceed the lesser of a floor space ratio of 0.50 and the existing floor space ratio,
 - (ii) the area of any floor, including the basement or cellar, does not exceed a floor space ratio of 0.25, and
 - (iii) no portion of the basement or cellar projects horizontally beyond the perimeter of the first storey, including entries, porches and verandahs; and
- (d) the Director of Planning may increase the permitted floor space ratio to a maximum of:
 - (i) 0.75 to facilitate an addition to a character house, or
 - (ii) 0.85 for infill in combination with the retention of a character house,

if the Director of Planning considers the intent of this schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines.

3.1.1.2 The maximum floor space ratio for duplex and duplex with secondary suite is 0.70, except that the area of all floors at or above finished grade and of the floors of any storey, basement or cellar located below a storey that has a floor surface located 1.8 m or more above finished grade, must not exceed 371 m².

3.1.2 Building Form and Placement

Regulations	RS-1B
3.1.2.1 Minimum site area for:	334 m ²
(a) duplex or duplex with secondary suite	
(b) single detached house or single detached house with secondary suite	
(c) 2 single detached houses on a site	
(d) infill single detached house	
3.1.2.2 Maximum site area for duplex	511 m ²
3.1.2.3 Maximum building height for:	
(a) duplex or duplex with secondary suite	10.7 m and 3 storeys
(b) single detached house or single detached house with secondary suite	10.7 m and 3 storeys
(c) rear single detached house or infill single detached house	8.0 m and 2 storeys
3.1.2.4 Minimum front yard depth	7.3 m
3.1.2.5 Minimum side yard width for:	
(a) 1 side of any building	1.5 m
(b) the other side yard where site width:	
(i) does not exceed 15.0 m	10% of the site width
(ii) exceeds 15.0 m	1.5 m
3.1.2.6 Minimum rear yard depth for:	
(a) rear single detached house or infill	5.2 m from the ultimate centre line of the lane
(b) for all uses other than rear single detached house or infill	10.7 m

Regulations		RS-1B
3.1.2.7	Minimum building separation for dwelling uses	10.7 m
3.1.2.8	Maximum site coverage for all buildings on:	
	(a) an existing site with a site width less than 7.3 m	35% of the site area
	(b) sites other than existing sites with a site width less than 7.3 m	45% of the site area
3.1.2.9	Maximum area of impermeable materials	60% of the site area
3.1.2.10	Maximum building depth for duplex and duplex with secondary suite	40% of the site depth

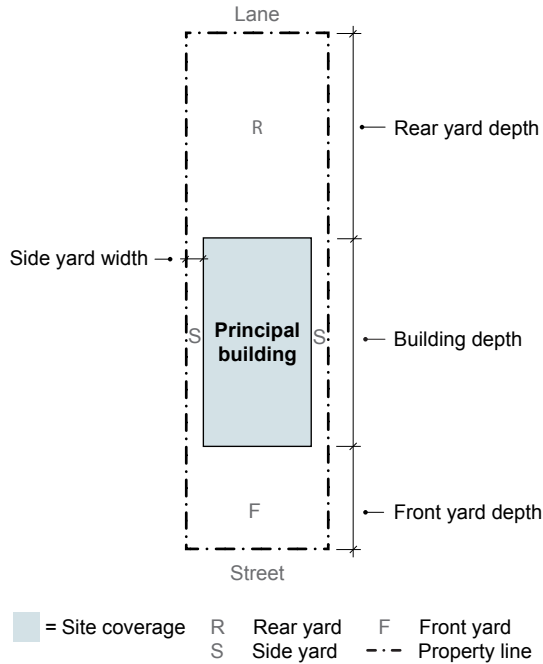
Site Area and Site Width

- 3.1.2.11 The Director of Planning may reduce the minimum site area if the Director of Planning considers the intent of this schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines.
- 3.1.2.12 The design of any new dwelling will first require the approval of the Director of Planning if:
 - (a) the site width is less than 9.8 m; or
 - (b) the site area is less than 334 m².

Building Height

- 3.1.2.13 Despite the maximum building height in sections [3.1.2.3\(a\)](#) and [3.1.2.3\(b\)](#) above, the third storey of a duplex, duplex with secondary suite, single detached house or single detached house with secondary suite must be a partial storey not exceeding 50% of the storey immediately below.
- 3.1.2.14 Despite the maximum building height in section [3.1.2.3\(c\)](#) above, the second storey of a rear single detached house or single detached house with secondary suite must be a partial storey not exceeding 50% of the storey immediately below.
- 3.1.2.15 Despite the maximum building height in sections [3.1.2.3\(b\)](#) and [3.1.2.3\(c\)](#) above, no portion of a building may extend above lines described by vertical angles of 30 degrees subtended above the base surface at and perpendicular to all exterior walls which face the opposite dwelling.

Diagram: Building placement for principal building



3.1.2.16 Despite the maximum building height in section 3.1.2.3(c) above, where a rear single detached house or infill single detached house is located adjacent to a lane, the maximum height of the rear single detached house or infill must not exceed a line described by a vertical angle of 60 degrees subtended above the horizontal from the closest line drawn parallel to and 3.1 m from the ultimate centre line of the lane.

3.1.2.17 The Director of Planning may vary the building height requirements if the Director of Planning considers the intent of this schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines.

Side Yard

3.1.2.18 The Director of Planning may vary the minimum side yard if the Director of Planning considers the intent of this schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines.

Rear Yard

3.1.2.19 Despite the minimum rear yard depth in section 3.1.2.6(b) above, where the rear of the site abuts a lane the required rear yard depth will be decreased by the lane width between the rear property line and the ultimate centre line of the lane.

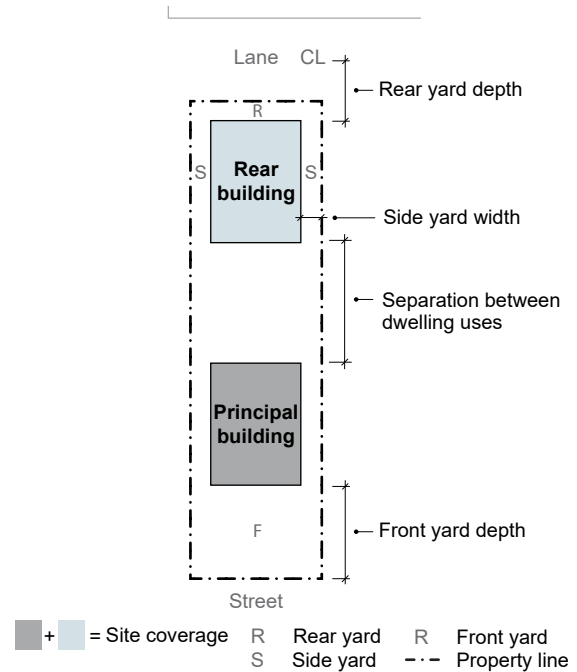
Building Separation

3.1.2.20 The Director of Planning may vary the minimum building separation for dwelling uses if the Director of Planning considers the intent of this schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines.

Area of Impermeable Materials

- 3.1.2.21 Where developed secondary vehicular access to a site is not available, the Director of Planning may exclude from the area of impermeable materials an amount not exceeding:
- (a) for the first parking space, the product of the distance in metres as measured along the driveway centre line, from the point where the driveway crosses the property boundary to the point where it meets the nearest side of the approvable parking space multiplied by 3.1 m; and
 - (b) for each additional parking space, 67 m² to accommodate vehicular access and manoeuvring.

Diagram: Building placement for 2 single detached houses on a site or infill



- 3.1.2.22 The Director of Planning may increase the maximum area of impermeable materials for buildings existing prior to May 30, 2000 to a maximum of 70% of the total site area if:
- (a) the percentage of the site area covered by existing impermeable materials is not increased by the proposed development; and
 - (b) the Director of Planning considers the intent of this schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines.

4 GENERAL REGULATIONS

All uses in this district are subject to the following regulations.

4.1 Computation of Floor Area

4.1.1 Computation of floor area must include:

- (a) all floors, including earthen floor, measured to the extreme outer limits of the building including accessory buildings;
- (b) stairways, fire escapes, elevator shafts, and other features that the Director of Planning considers similar to the foregoing, measured by their gross cross-sectional areas and included in the measurements for each floor at which they are located; and
- (c) the floor area of bay windows, regardless of seat height, location in building or relationship to yard setbacks, which exceeds the product of the total permitted floor area above the basement multiplied by 0.01.

4.1.2 Computation of floor area must exclude:

- (a) balconies and decks, and any other appurtenances that the Director of Planning considers similar to the foregoing, provided that the total area of these exclusions does not exceed 8% of the permitted floor area;
- (b) patios and roof decks, if the Director of Planning considers the impact on privacy and overlook;
- (c) where floors are used for off-street parking and loading, the taking on or discharging of passengers, bicycle storage in multiple conversion dwellings containing 3 or more dwelling units, or uses that the Director of Planning considers similar to the foregoing, those floors or portions thereof:
 - (i) at or below base surface, provided that the maximum exclusion for a parking space does not exceed 7.3 m in length, or
 - (ii) above base surface and where developed as off street parking are located in an accessory building situated in the rear yard, provided that the maximum exclusion for a parking space does not exceed 7.3 m in length;
- (d) child day care facilities to a maximum floor area of 10% of the permitted floor area, the Director of Planning is satisfied that there is a need for a child day care facility in the immediate neighbourhood;
- (e) areas of undeveloped floors that are located:
 - (i) above the highest storey or partial storey, and to which there is no permanent means of access other than a hatch, or
 - (ii) adjacent to a storey or partial storey with a ceiling height of less than 1.2 m;
- (f) floors located at or below finished grade with a ceiling height of less than 1.2 m;
- (g) entries, porches and verandahs, and covered porches above the first storey, if:

- (i) for all uses except for duplex and duplex with secondary suite, they face a street or a rear property line and entries, porches and verandahs are located at the basement or first storey,
 - (ii) for duplex and duplex with secondary suite, they face a street or rear property line,
 - (iii) the side facing the street or rear property line is open or protected by guards that do not exceed the required minimum height,
 - (iv) the total area of these exclusions, when combined with the balcony and deck exclusions under section [4.1.2\(a\)](#) above, does not exceed 13% of the permitted floor area,
 - (v) for duplex and duplex with secondary suite, the depth of the total area being excluded for covered porches above the first storey does not exceed 1.83 m, and
 - (vi) the ceiling height, excluding roof structure, of the total area being excluded does not exceed 3.1 m measured from the entry, porch or verandah floor;
- (h) unconditioned floor areas with a ceiling height or height to the underside of joists of less than 2.0 m, located below the floors of entries, porches and verandahs complying with section [4.1.2\(g\)](#) above, to which there is no access from the interior of the building;
- (i) the floor area of a laneway house; and
- (j) for duplex and duplex with secondary suite, areas of floors existing, proposed or as may be extended over open-to-below space located directly below sloping roof rafters or a sloping ceiling where the ceiling is directly attached to the underside of sloping roof rafters, and where the roof joists have a minimum 7:12 pitch and the related ceiling maintains the same pitch as the roof joists, if:
- (i) the distance from the floor to any part of the roof rafters or ceiling is no higher than 2.3 m and no lower than 1.2 m, both measured vertically, and
 - (ii) the excluded floor area does not exceed 10% of the permitted total floor area,

and despite the definition of “partial storey” in [Section 2](#) of this by-law, for the purposes of this schedule the maximum permitted floor area contained in a partial storey must not include floor area excluded in this section [4.1.2\(j\)](#).

4.2 Height: Measurement

- 4.2.1 For the purpose of calculating a partial storey, the floor area of the storey immediately below must include any area used for parking within the outermost walls of the building unless the parking area is located in a basement or cellar.

4.3 Yards: Measurement

- 4.3.1 Where a building line has been established pursuant to the provisions of section [8.1.2](#), such building line will be deemed to be the southerly boundary of any required rear yard on a riparian site, despite any dimension contained herein.

4.4 Site Coverage and Impermeability: Measurement

4.4.1 The maximum site coverage for any portion of the site used as parking area is 30%.

4.4.2 The maximum area of impermeable materials includes site coverage for all buildings.

4.5 Building Depth: Measurement

4.5.1 Maximum building depth means the distance between the front yard and the required minimum rear yard of a site.

4.6 External Design

4.6.1 Pedestrian access to the front street and lane must be provided and maintained for all dwellings.

4.6.2 For the purpose of this section 4.6 “main entrance” means a door facing a street that is not a lane, which is visible from the street and located at or within 1.8 m of grade or connected to grade by stairs, a ramp or other means.

4.6.3 For duplex and duplex with secondary suite, there must be:

- (a) 2 main entrances, 1 to each principal dwelling unit;
- (b) on a corner site, 1 main entrance facing the front street and 1 main entrance facing the flanking street; and
- (c) 1 entry, porch or verandah at each main entrance, with a minimum width and depth of 1.8 m.

4.6.4 For duplex and duplex with secondary suite, the roof design must comply with the following:

- (a) all roofs except for dormer roofs must:
 - (i) have a slope not less than 7:12 and not more than 12:12,
 - (ii) be either hip or gable, or a combination of both, and
 - (iii) intersect at its lower portion with the exterior wall face of the building or the vertical projection thereof at a line no higher than the lesser of 7.9 m above the base surface or the floor level of a partial storey, or attic above the second storey;
- (b) dormer roofs must be gable, hip or shed, and must have a minimum slope of 4:12;
- (c) the maximum total width of dormers provided on a partial storey above the second storey must not exceed 50% of the width of the elevation of the storey below;
- (d) all exterior dormer walls must be set back a minimum of 0.6 m from the exterior face of the wall of the storey below; and

(e) despite section [4.6.4\(d\)](#) above, 1 dormer, which faces an interior side yard and provides headroom over a stair and any intermediate and top landings that provide access from the second storey to the partial storey above, may have its face wall flush or continuous with the second storey exterior wall face below.

4.6.5 Exterior windows in a secondary suite or lock off unit must have a minimum total glazing area of:

- (a) 10% of the total floor area of the room, in each of the kitchen, living room and dining room; and
- (b) 5% of the total floor area of the room, in all other rooms, except bathrooms and laundry rooms.

4.6.6 For duplex and duplex with secondary suite, the Director of Planning may vary the requirements of sections [4.6.3](#), [4.6.4](#) and [4.6.5](#) above if, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, the design meets the intent of the regulations for quality and durability of design and architectural expression.

5 RELAXATIONS

5.1 Where, due to the peculiarities of the site or special circumstances related to the use of the site, literal enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship, the Director of Planning may relax the maximum area of impermeable materials, if the Director of Planning considers the intent of this schedule and all applicable Council policies and guidelines.