Detached Suites -Legalization

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Presentation Outline

- Background
- Proposed process
- Proposed zoning regulations
- Proposed eligible properties
- Proposed design guidelines
- Public engagement
- Recommendations



Background

- Existing OCP policy to support legalization in low density areas with one dwelling unit.
- Council reviewed options for process DP chosen.
- Staff have reviewed regulations in neighbouring jurisdictions and have made recommendations for a proposed RS- 6 zone.
- Council feedback needed.

Proposed process

Rezoning Application

Development
Permit
Application,
(RS-6) only

Staff review and referrals

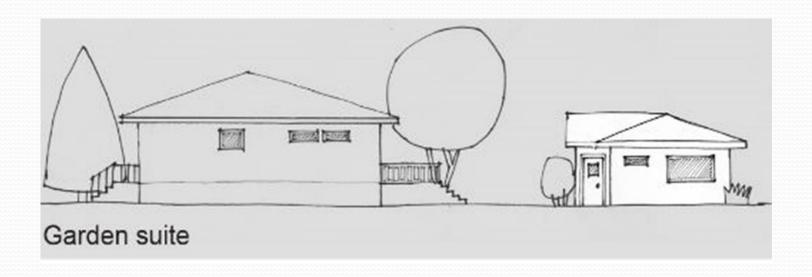
Advisory
Planning
Commission

Council for approval
Application

Not in
RS-6

Proposed zoning regulations - height and density

Regulation	Proposed
Number of stories (stories includes basement)	1
Maximum floor area	65 m2
Lot coverage (all buildings)	30%
Floor area ratio	0.35
Lot coverage (accessory only)	10%
Site coverage (rear yard only)	25%
Height (maximum)	3.6 m
Height in relation to Principal Dwelling	The maximum height of a Garden suite should not be at an elevation higher than that of the principal dwelling.

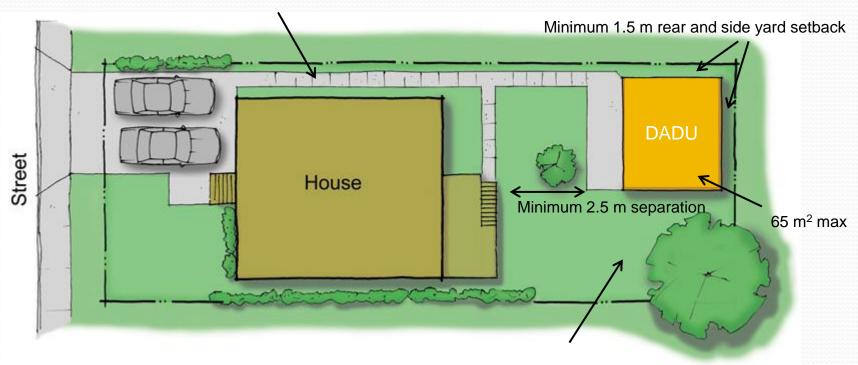


Proposed zoning regulations - siting

Regulation	Proposed	
Siting on lot	Door yord only	
Siting on lot	Rear yard only.	
Rear yard setback	1.5 m	
Side yard setbacks	1.5 m	
Exterior side yard setback	3.6 m	
Combined side yard setback	4.5 m	
Distance from principal dwelling	2.5 m	
Minimum amount of open space	20 m2	
Minimum lot depth	Not required	

Proposed zoning regulations

Minimum 1.2 m pathway



Minimum 20 m² of open space and max 25% rear yard coverage

Proposed criteria for eligibility

ELIGIBILITY for RS-6 zoning

Regulation	Proposed	Rationale
OCP Proposed land use designation	Low density residential only	Already in OCP policy
Where zoned for B&B	Not permitted	Standard practice
Where a secondary suite, DADU.	Not permitted	Standard practice
Where zoned for duplex	May be considered through rezoning in some situations, but not eligible for RS-6 zone automatically.	Standard practice.
Waterfront lots or within 20 m of Gorge or 10 m of Strait	Not eligible	Environmental development permit area.
On bare land strata lots	Not eligible	Servicing issues, strata law.
Parcel size minimum	475 or 530 m ²	475 where there is a corner lot or laneway access. 530 for other lots. 530 is the minimum lot size for RS zoned lots.
Accessory building	Cannot convert	Standard practice
Strata titling	Not permitted	Standard practice
Requirement that either garden suite or principal dwelling be occupied by the owner	No	Same as secondary suites.

Proposed eligible properties – north and central



Proposed eligible properties – south





Total 1089 properties of which 1051 are larger than 530 m²

Proposed design guidelines

- 16 new guidelines specific for detached suites
- Existing DP area No. 3 –Enhanced Residential
- Key elements to address:
 - Overlook
 - Massing
 - Orientation and entryway
 - Landscaping and open space
 - Utilities and servicing
 - Laneways



Public engagement for regulatory framework

- Purpose is to gauge level of support for process, zoning, parking, eligibility and guidelines.
- Proposed format:
 - Survey
 - Open house
 - Information displays
- Public engagement to take place spring 2020

Recommendations

- That the COTW receive the report for information and provide additional direction to staff; and
- That the COTW direct staff to undertake consultation with the public as outlined in the report prior to bringing forward bylaw amendments and development permit guidelines for Council's consideration.



