PAWNSHOP AND SECONDHAND STORE GUIDELINES

Adopted by City Council June 11, 1996

1 Application and Intent
These guidelines are to be used for development applications involving pawnshops and second hand stores, including any redevelopment of the premises.

2 Locational Considerations

(a) A pawnshop or second hand store should not be located within a 300.0 m radius of an existing pawnshop or second hand store, or within a 300.0 m radius of a SkyTrain station outside of the downtown peninsula.

(b) Where an existing pawnshop or second hand store wishes to relocate at a distance from another pawnshop or second hand store which is less than that specified in (a) above, a lesser distance should not be considered where negative impacts of the existing business is evidenced by complaints from the public, police reports, or other sources; where there have been no significant impacts, a lesser distance may be considered where strict interpretation of these guidelines would cause undue hardship.

(c) Where a new pawnshop or second hand store wishes to locate at a distance from another pawnshop or second hand store which is less than that specified in (a) above, a lesser distance may be considered where:
   (i) a community requests that a lesser distance be permitted as part of a business improvement strategy, and in the opinion of the Director of Planning, the proposed use is unlikely to generate negative impacts; or
   (ii) an applicant requests that a lesser distance be considered and, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, the proposed use is unlikely to generate negative impacts.

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