



City of Vancouver *Land Use and Development Policies and Guidelines*

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DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT & DRIVE-THROUGH SERVICE GUIDELINES

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These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with a district schedule of the **Zoning and Development By-law** or with an official development plan by-law for conditional approval of a drive-in restaurant or a drive-through service. Drive-in restaurant and drive-through service are defined in Section 2 of the **Zoning and Development By-law**.

A drive-in restaurant or drive-through service should be designed and located to minimize visual, traffic and noise impacts on neighbouring development.

Where the site is adjacent to a residential use or district, the drive-in restaurant or drive-through service should be located so that:

- (a) residences are separated from any audible communication devices by an adequate distance and/or an acoustical barrier;
- (b) drive-through services are located on the site as far away as possible from adjacent residences; and
- (c) lanes designated for drive-through service are not located immediately adjacent to residential development.

A drive-in restaurant or drive-through service should not be permitted in a pedestrian-oriented commercial area.

A drive-in restaurant or drive-through service will not be permitted in industrial districts where the traffic generated will unduly interfere with the operation of the surrounding industrial activities.