



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

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# PAWNSHOP AND SECONDHAND STORE GUIDELINES

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## **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.