



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

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# RS-1 CARETAKER DWELLING UNIT GUIDELINES

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These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the uses and regulations of the RS-1 District Schedule of the Zoning and Development By-law for development permit applications involving an infill single detached house, a multiple dwelling, or a multiple conversion dwelling where one of the dwelling units is for a caretaker, and where the minimum site area exceeds 3 000 m<sup>2</sup>. These guidelines are not applicable to secondary suites.

A caretaker dwelling unit may be permitted only if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The dwelling unit should be a one-bedroom maximum, and should be occupied by a person whose principal occupation is full-time caretaker on the subject site.
- (2) The registered owner (or registered owner under agreement) of the subject site must submit together with the development permit application a written explanation to include:
  - (a) the reasons why the site or dwelling requires a full-time caretaker; and
  - (b) an undertaking to be recorded on the development permit as issued, that condition (1) will be complied with.
- (3) Written notification to surrounding property owners is to be carried out during the processing of the development permit application.
- (4) Prior to the issuance of a development permit for caretaker quarters, arrangements are to be made to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services for:
  - (a) A covenant under Section 215 of the Land Title Act to be registered to ensure that the dwelling unit will be occupied and maintained only as caretaker quarters for a person whose principal occupation is full-time caretaker on the subject site.
  - (b) A statutory right-of-way allowing the City of Vancouver to demolish the caretaker quarters unless such quarters are vacant or occupied by a person whose principal occupation is full-time caretaker on the subject site. The right-of-way will include a covenant to indemnify the City of Vancouver against demolition costs.
  - (c) An equitable charge to secure the City of Vancouver's cost of demolition.

The above-noted charges must have priority over existing charges on the subject site.