R4

Small Lot Residential Zone

A. Intent

This R4 Zone is intended for small-scale multi-unit housing on small *lots* typically 336 sq. m or larger, which may accommodate 2 to 6 *dwelling units*, and is subject to the remainder of this Part 16.

B. Permitted Uses

 Land, buildings and structures in this R4 Zone must only be used for the following uses, or a combination of principal uses and accessory uses if the maximum number of dwelling units is not exceeded as follows:

Lot Size	<i>Lot</i> Location	Maximum Number of <i>Dwelling</i> <i>Units</i> ¹	Principal Uses	Accessory Uses
(a) ≥ 4,050 sq. m	i. All Areas	Up to 2	Single Family Dwelling	
	i. Inside <i>Transit-</i> Oriented Areas ²	Up to 2	Single Family Dwelling	
(b) < 4,050 sq. m and ≥ 280 sq. m	ii. All areas, except B.1.(b)i and iii	Up to 4	Single Family Dwelling or Duplex	Secondary Suite Garden Suite
	iii. Eligible lots within Frequent Bus Stop Areas	Up to 6	Single Family Dwelling or Duplex	Coach House
(a) 4 200 am ma	i. Inside Transit- Oriented Areas ²	Up to 2	Single Family Dwelling	Short-Term Rental ³
(c) < 280 sq. m	ii. All areas, except B.1.(c)i	Up to 3	Single Family Dwelling	

- 1 Despite the permitted uses in Table B.1, the following lands allow no more than 2 dwelling units on a lot:
 - (a) Land that is protected under Section 12.1(2) of the Heritage Conservation Act, as amended;
 - (b) Land that as of December 7, 2023 was designated as protected under a bylaw made under Section 611 [heritage designation protection] of the Local Government Act, as amended; and
 - (c) Land that is not connected to a community water or community sewer system provided as a service by a municipality or regional district.
- 2 One of the exemptions in Section 3 of the *Local Government Zoning Bylaw Regulation* is that small-scale multi-unit housing requirements do not apply in relation to land that is within a *transit-oriented area*.
- 3 Short-Term Rental is only permitted in accordance with Section B.36 of Part 4 General Provisions.

C. Subdivision

1. Minimum Lot Sizes:

Lots created through subdivision in this R4 Zone must conform to the following minimum standards:

Size or Dimension	Minimum Requirement
Lot Area	8,094 sq. m
Lot Width	50 m
Lot Depth	60 m

2. <u>Permitted Lot Size Reductions:</u>

In accordance with the *unit density* increases permitted in Section D.1.(b), if amenity contributions are provided in accordance with Schedule G, *lots* created through subdivision in the R4 Zone may be reduced to the following minimum standards:

Criteria	Minimum <i>Lot</i> Area	Minimum Lot Width	Minimum Lot Depth
Interior		12 m	28 m
Lot	336 sq. m.	(Type I - narrow deep)	(Type I - narrow deep)
LOI	(Type I, II)	13.4 m	24 m
		(Type II - wide shallow)	(Type II - wide shallow)
		14 m	28 m
Corner	380 sq. m.	(Type I - narrow deep)	(Type I - narrow deep)
Lot	(Type I, II)	15.4 m	24 m
		(Type II - wide shallow)	(Type II - wide shallow)

D. Density

1. Subdivision:

For the purpose of subdivision in the R4 Zone:

- (a) Base Number of Lots:
 - Maximum of 2.5 lots per hectare; and
- (b) Permitted Number of Lots with Amenity Contributions:

If amenity contributions are provided in accordance with Schedule G, the number of *lots* may be increased to a maximum of 28 *lots* per hectare.

2. <u>Building Construction:</u>

For building construction in the R4 Zone:

Building Type	Floor Area Ratio ¹ , Floor Area and Building Size Requirements	
(a) Single Family Dwelling² with or without a Secondary Suite	i. The floor area ratio must not exceed 0.72, provided that 39 sq. m. of the total floor area is used only as a double or tandem garage or carport, except for eligible lots within Frequent Bus Stop Areas where a garage or carport is not required.	
	ii. Despite Section D.2.(a)i., the area used only as a garage or carport may be reduced to 20 sq. m for a single attached garage or carport if the dimensional requirements of Section H are met.	
	iii. Single family dwellings must not exceed a maximum floor area of 266 sq. m.	
(b) <i>Duplex</i> ³ with or without a <i>Secondary Suite</i>	i. Duplexes must not exceed a maximum floor of 450 sq. m including basements.	
(c) Coach House	i. The floor area of a <i>coach house</i> is permitted in addition to <i>the</i> floor area ratio permitted for single family dwellings and duplexes in Sections D.2.(a) and (b), provided that a <i>coach house</i> must have a minimum floor area of 35 sq. m and a maximum total floor area of 75 sq. m, excluding the garage or carport.	
(d) Garden Suite	i. The floor area of a <i>garden suite</i> is permitted in addition to the <i>floor area ratio</i> permitted for <i>single family dwellings</i> and <i>duplexes</i> in Sections D.2.(a) and (b), provided that a <i>garden suite</i> must have a minimum floor area of 35 sq. m and a maximum total floor area of 75 sq. m, excluding the garage or carport.	

- 1 Floor area ratio must also be calculated in accordance with Section D.3.
- 2 Refer to Section D.4(a) for second and third storey requirements.
- 3 Refer to Section D.4(b) for second and third storey requirements.

3. <u>Floor Area Ratio Calculation:</u>

- (a) In this R4 Zone, the following must be included in the calculation of *floor area* ratio:
 - i. Covered areas used for parking in accordance with Section D.2, unless it is located within the *basement*;
 - ii. The area of an accessory building in excess of 10 sq. m;
 - iii. Covered outdoor space with a height of 1.8 m or greater, except for a maximum 10% of the maximum allowable floor area of which 10 sq. m must be reserved for a front porch or veranda; and
 - iv. Floor area including a garage or carport with a height exceeding 3.66 m must be multiplied by 2, excluding:
 - a. Staircases;
 - b. 19 sq. m; and
 - c. Floor area directly below a sloped ceiling less than 4.58 m in height, provided that the area has at least one wall 3.66 m or less in height.

4. Principal Building Second and Third Storey Floor Area

(a) For single family dwellings, the maximum permitted floor area of a second storey for a principal building must not exceed 80% of the floor area of the first storey including attached garage and that portion of any porch or veranda at the front that is covered by a roof. The reduced floor area of the second storey must be accomplished by an 20% offset at the second storey level from the wall at the first storey level from either the front or side walls or a combination thereof, such that the offset is fully visible anywhere along the front lot line and/or flanking lot line of the lot; and

(b) For duplexes, the maximum permitted floor area of the second and third storeys for a principal building must not exceed 90% of the floor area of the first storey including attached garage and that portion of any porch or veranda at the front that is covered by a roof. The reduced floor area of the second and third storeys must be accomplished by an 10% offset at both the second and third storey levels from the wall at the first storey level from either the front or side walls or a combination thereof, such that the offset is fully visible anywhere along the front lot line and/or flanking lot line of the lot.

E. Lot Coverage

1. The maximum *lot coverage* for all *buildings* and *structures* in this R4 Zone must be as follows:

Building Type	Maximum Lot Coverage
Single Family Dwelling with or without a Secondary Suite	50%
Single Family Dwelling with or without a Secondary Suite, Coach House, or Garden Suite	59%
Duplex with or without a Secondary Suite	60%
Duplex with or without a Secondary Suite, Coach House, or Garden Suite	65%

F. Yards and Setbacks

1. *Buildings* and *structures*, subject to Section F.2., must be sited in this R4 Zone in accordance with the following minimum *setbacks*:

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Building	Interior <i>Lot</i>	Corner <i>Lot</i>	Interior <i>Lot</i>	Corner <i>Lot</i>
Туре	Lane Access	Lane Access	No Lane	No Lane
Single Family Dwelling	Single Family Dwelling with or without a Secondary Suite			
Front Yard	5.5 m	5.5 m	5.5 m	5.5 m
Rear Yard	7.5 m	7.5 m	7.5 m	7.5 m
Side Yard	1.2 m	1.2 m	1.2 m	1.2 m
Street Side Yard	n/a	2.4 m	n/a	2.4 m
Duplex with or withou	Duplex with or without a Secondary Suite			
Front Yard	6.0 m	6.0 m	6.0 m	6.0 m
Rear Yard	6.0 m	6.0 m	6.0 m	6.0 m
Side Yard	1.2 m	1.2 m	1.2 m	1.2 m
Street Side Yard	n/a	2.4 m	n/a	2.4 m
Coach House				
Front Yard	Not Permitted	Not Permitted		
Rear Yard	1.2 m	1.2 m		
Side Yard	1.2 m	1.2 m	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Street Side Yard	n/a	1.8 m		
Separation	5.0 m	5.0 m		
Garden Suite				
Front Yard	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Rear Yard	1.2 m	1.2 m	1.8 m	1.8 m
Side Yard	1.2 m	1.2 m	1.8 m	1.8m
Street Side Yard	n/a	1.8 m	n/a	1.8 m
Separation	5.0 m	5.0 m	5.0 m	5.0 m
Other Accessory Build				
Front Yard	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Rear Yard	1.0 m	1.0 m	1.0 m	1.0 m
Side Yard	0 m	0 m	0 m	0 m
Street Side Yard	n/a	1.2 m	n/a	1.2 m
Separation	5.0 m	5.0 m	5.0 m	5.0 m
Other Accessory Buildings & Structures ≤ 10 sq. m				
Front Yard	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Rear Yard	1.0 m	1.0 m	1.0 m	1.0 m
Side Yard	0 m	0 m	0 m	0 m
Street Side Yard	n/a	1.2 m	n/a	1.2 m
Separation	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

2. Setback Reductions and Variations

Despite Table F.1, the following *setback* reductions and variations in this R4 Zone are permitted:

(a) Single Family Dwelling with or without Secondary Suite

- i. Front Yard:
 - a. The front yard setback of the single family dwelling may be reduced to a minimum of 4.0 m for up to 50% of the width of the front of the single family dwelling, or for the entire first storey or part thereof of the single family dwelling, or for a single family dwelling not exceeding 5.0 m in building height, provided that the front yard setback of a garage or carport must be a minimum of 6.0 m. The minimum 6.0 m and the permitted 4.0 m front yard setbacks may be further reduced to a minimum of 4.0 m and 2.0 m respectively by an unenclosed and uninhabitable space such as a porch or veranda, provided that the said porch or veranda is covered from above and is an integral part of the single family dwelling; and

ii. Rear Yard:

- a. The minimum rear yard setback of the single family dwelling may be reduced to 6.0 m for a maximum of 50% of the width of the rear of the single family dwelling for Type II (wide shallow) lots; and
- b. Whether the *lot* is a Type I (narrow deep) or a Type II (wide shallow), when a garage is located at the rear of the *lot* and attached to the *single family dwelling*, the *rear yard setback* measured to the face of the attached garage may be reduced to a minimum of 1.0 m, provided that the *rear yard setback* is a minimum of 6.0 m for up to 50% of the rear of the *single family dwelling* excluding the attached garage and the *rear yard setback* is a minimum of 7.5 m for the remaining portion of the *single family dwelling* excluding the attached garage.

(b) <u>Duplex with or without Secondary Suites</u>

- i. Front Yard:
 - a. The front yard setback for a duplex may be reduced to 4.0 metres if a coach house, garden suite, or parking in the rear yard is accessed via a rear lane. The front yard setback may be further reduced to a minimum of 2.0 m for an unenclosed and uninhabitable space such as a porch or veranda, provided that the said porch or veranda is covered from above and is an integral part of the duplex; and

ii. Rear Yard:

a. The minimum rear yard setback of the duplex may be reduced to 6.0 m for a maximum of 50% of the width of the rear of the duplex for Type II (wide shallow) lots. The rear yard setback of the duplex on Type II (wide shallow) lots may be further reduced to 4.5 m for a maximum of 50% of the width of the rear of the duplex at the first floor by stairs and an unenclosed deck with a maximum area of 14 sq. m which may be covered by a roof.

(c) Coach House

- i. Rear Yard:
 - a. The rear yard setback of the coach house may be reduced to 1.0 m if the coach house is constructed above a garage or carport. A coach house is not permitted closer than 5.0 m from the principal building on the lot; and

ii. Separation:

a. The minimum *separation* may be reduced to 3.0 m for stairs and for an outdoor space such as a *deck* or patio that occupies a maximum of 14 sq. m. and may be covered by a roof.

(d) Garden Suite

- i. Separation:
 - a. The minimum *separation* may be reduced to 3.0 m for stairs and for an outdoor space such as a *deck* or patio that occupies a maximum of 14 sq. m. and may be covered by a roof.
- (e) Other Accessory Buildings and Structures > 10 sq. m
 - i. Separation:
 - a. A minimum separation of 5 m is required between the single family dwelling or duplex and any accessory buildings and structures exceeding 2.4 m in building height, including detached garage or carport regardless of building height. The minimum separation may be reduced to 3.0 m for stairs and for an outdoor space such as a deck or patio that occupies a maximum of 10 sq. m. and may be covered by a roof.

G. Height of Buildings and Structures

1. Building and structure heights in this R4 Zone must be in accordance with the following requirements:

Building Type		Requirement
Single Family	Building height with sloped roof	Must not exceed 9 m
Dwelling with or without a Secondary Suite	Building height where any portion of the roof has a slope less than < 1:4	Must not exceed 7.3 m
	Building height in floodplain, as referred to in Part 8 Floodproofing	Must not exceed 10 m ¹
	Building height with sloped roof	Must not exceed 3 storeys inclusive of the <i>basement</i> , up to a maximum of 11 m
Duplex with or without a Secondary Suite	Building height where any portion of the roof has a slope less than < 1:4	Must not exceed 3 storeys inclusive of the <i>basement</i> , up to a maximum of 9.3 m
	Building height in floodplain, as referred to in Part 8 Floodproofing	Must not exceed 3 storeys inclusive of the <i>basement</i> , up to a maximum of 12 m ¹

Coach House or Garden Suite	Building height with sloped roof	Must not exceed 2 storeys inclusive of the <i>basement</i> , up to a maximum of 7.0 m and a maximum roof peak height of 8.3 m
	Building height where any portion of the roof has a slope less than < 1:4	Must not exceed 2 storeys inclusive of the <i>basement</i> , up to a maximum of 6.0 m
	Building height in floodplain, as referred to in Part 8 Floodproofing	Must not exceed 2 storeys inclusive of the <i>basement</i> , up to a maximum of 8.5 m ¹
Accessory Building		Must not exceed 3 m, but may be increased to 5 m where the roof slope and construction materials of an accessory building are the same as the <i>principal building</i>
Structures		Must not exceed 3 m

¹ The increased *building height* is permitted for *single family dwellings*, *duplexes*, *coach houses*, and *garden suites* when the ground floor is used for parking or non-habitable space only, provided the minimum ground floor elevation is less than the minimum flood and *building* elevations as specified by the Provincial Government and in the Surrey Building Bylaw, as amended.

H. Off-Street Parking and Loading/Unloading

- 1. Parking Calculation:
 - (a) Refer to Table D.1 of Part 5 Off-Street Parking and Loading/Unloading;
- 2. Driveways:
 - (a) Where there is a *lane* up to or along the *rear lot line*, a *driveway* access is permitted only from the *lane*;
 - (b) Any off-street parking spaces for the secondary suite, coach house or garden suite may be provided on the front driveway on the lot or at the rear of the lot;
 - (c) Where a *coach house* is constructed on a *corner lot* with a rear *lane*, a *driveway* to the required additional *parking space* must be provided only from a rear *lane*; and
 - (d) *Driveway* access is not permitted along the *side lot line*.
- 3. <u>Driveway Width:</u>
 - (a) The width of a *driveway* on a *lot* must be a maximum of 6.0 m wide; and
 - (b) Where there is a *coach house* or *garden suite* on a *lot* with rear *lane* access, the paved portion of a front *driveway* may be reduced to a maximum of 4.5 m wide when the said *driveway* provides access to a single garage located at the front of the *lot* that accommodates only one *vehicle*.
- 4. Garages and Carports:

Garages and carports are limited as follows in this R4 Zone:

- (a) A side-by-side garage is only permitted for *lots* 13.4 m or wider, unless the garage or carport is accessed from the rear lane or side street. Only single or tandem garages are permitted for *lots* under 13.4 m in width;
- (b) Garage *parking spaces* must be measured pursuant to Section B.2.(a) of Part 5 Off-Street Parking and Loading/Unloading;

- (c) Garage or carport *parking spaces* must meet the following dimensional requirements:
 - i. Single Garage: Maximum 4.0 m wide; and
 - Side-By-Side Garage: Maximum 6.3 m wide; and
- (d) A side-by-side garage door must be a minimum of 4.87 m wide.

5. Outdoor Parking and Storage:

- (a) Outdoor parking ancillary to a residential use is limited to a maximum of 3 *vehicles*:
- (b) Outdoor parking or storage of *campers, utility trailers,* boats, or *house trailers* is not permitted; and
- (c) Parking is not permitted on a *corner lot* within an area bounded by the intersecting *lot lines* at a street corner and a straight-line joining points 6.0 m along the said *lot lines* from the point of intersection of the two *lot lines*.

I. Landscaping and Screening

- 1. <u>General Landscaping:</u>
 - (a) Any landscaping must not include any non-porous or paved surfaces; and
 - (b) All portions of the *lot* not covered by *buildings*, *structures*, and non-porous or paved surfaces must be landscaped. All *landscaping* must be maintained.
- 2. <u>Porous and Non-Porous Surfaces:</u>

Non-porous or paved surfaces, including *driveways*, drive aisles and walkways, may cover up to a maximum of 30% of the *lot* area not occupied by *buildings* or *structures*.

3. Front Yards:

Landscaping located within the front yards is required as follows:

- (a) Landscaping must cover a minimum of 50% of the area of the required front yard; and
- (b) Landscaping may be reduced up to a maximum of 30% of the area of the required front yard for pie-shaped lots.

J. Special Regulations

1. Floodplain:

For *lots* within a designated floodplain as referred to in Part 8 Floodproofing, only flood resistant *building* materials are permitted below the minimum flood and *building* elevations, as specified by the Provincial Government and in the Surrey Building Bylaw, as amended.

2. <u>Basement Access:</u>

- (a) Basement access and basement wells serving a principal building in this R4 Zone must be sited as follows:
 - i. Basement access and basement wells may encroach into the required front yard setback, provided the maximum area does not exceed 10 sq. m;
 - ii. Basement access and basement wells may encroach into the required rear yard setback, provided the maximum area does not exceed 12 sq. m;
 - iii. Basement access and basement wells may be located within the side yard, but not within the required side yard setback, provided the maximum area does not exceed 10 sq. m; and
 - iv. The area of the *basement* access and *basement* wells must include the stairs, and the cumulative area of all *basement* access and *basement* wells on a *lot* must not exceed 28 sq. m.

K. Other Applicable Acts, Regulations and Bylaws

- 1. This R4 Zone is subject to compliance with the following:
 - (a) All Federal legislation including, without limitation, the *Fisheries Act*, the *Railway Safety Act*, and the *Aeronautics Act*;
 - (b) All Provincial legislation including, without limitation, the *Community Charter*, the *Local Government Act*, the *Local Government Zoning Bylaw Regulation*, the *Land Title* Act, the *Riparian Areas Protection Act*, the *Water Sustainability Act*, the *Transportation Act*, the *Railway Act*, the *British Columbia Railway Act*, and the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*;
 - (c) All City of Surrey bylaws, policies, and regulations including, without limitation, the Official Community Plan Bylaw, as amended, Development Permits, Hazard Lands Development Permit Guidelines, Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permit Guidelines, the Subdivision and Development Bylaw, as amended, the Development Cost Charge Bylaw, as amended, the Surrey Sign Bylaw, as amended, the Surrey Building Bylaw, as amended, and the Surrey Tree Protection Bylaw, as amended, if these do not restrict or prohibit the density otherwise permitted under this R4 Zone;
 - (d) Subdivision requirements of the Approving Officer;
 - (e) Heritage designation bylaws, as amended, and heritage revitalization agreements, if these do not restrict or prohibit the density otherwise permitted under this R4 Zone;
 - (f) Covenants registered in the Land Title Office in favour of the City under Section 219 of the Land Title Act; and
 - (g) Regulations pursuant to any Acts.