Housing Choices

Laneway Homes

LANEWAY HOMES FINAL PROGRAM FOR PHASE 1A	
Zoning Districts	 Permitted in R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R9, R10, R11, R12 and RM6 Districts
Eligible Lots	 Properties must have: a single family home; and vehicular access to the rear yard from the side or rear of the property, via an open lane or residential street. Additional considerations: Corner lots or double-fronted lots ("through lots") that do not have access to an open lane will require access approval from the Engineering Department. If a lot is near a stream, Streamside Protection and Enhancement Area regulations may limit the ability to construct a laneway home. (See Section 6.23 of the Zoning Bylaw).
Units per Lot	Eligible lots may have up to 3 units. This may include a single family home with a secondary suite and a laneway home.
Tenure	 A lot with a laneway home must remain under a single title. This means that a laneway home cannot be stratified or otherwise subdivided, and cannot be sold separately from the main home. A laneway home may be rented out as a long term rental unit. Short term rentals will not be permitted in laneway homes. The owner will not be required to live on the property. However, if the owner lives off-site, an annual house rental business license will be required.
Floor Area	 Maximum floor area for a laneway home: Up to 20% of the lot area, but no larger than 140 m² (1,507 sq. ft.). Minimum floor area for a laneway home: 32.52 m² (350 sq. ft.) Floor area calculation for a laneway home will exclude: Floor area of the principal dwelling Floor area of carports that are attached to the laneway home Floor area of any accessory buildings that are not attached to the laneway home (e.g. garages, sheds, workshops, bike sheds/lockers)
Height	 Maximum height for a laneway home: No more than 2 storeys; and Up to 7.6 m (24.93 ft.) for a sloping roof; or Up to 6.7 m (21.98 ft.) for a flat roof. Additional considerations: The height of a laneway home will be measured from the lowest point (lower of the natural or finished grade) on the perimeter of the laneway home. A laneway home cannot exceed the maximum height permitted for the principal dwelling, as permitted in the Zoning Bylaw. Basements are permitted in laneway homes and will count as one storey.





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Location on a Lot

Minimum setbacks for a laneway home: •••••

- 2.4 m (7.87 ft.) from the main house, a detached garage or other accessory building
- 1.2 m (3.94 ft.) from the rear lot line and side lot line

Additional considerations:

- On a corner lot, the rear yard is the area furthest from the front lot line. The front lot line is usually the narrowest street frontage.
- On a corner lot, the side yard setback from the flanking street will be the same as for the main house.
- On a double-fronted lot ("through lot") there is technically no rear yard, so a laneway home should be located behind the main residence.
- If a lot is near a street/lane intersection, the regulations to maintain vision clearance at intersections may impact the siting of a laneway home (Zoning Bylaw section 6.13).
- An unsprinklered laneway home may not be located further than 45 m (147.64 ft.) from a lot line abutting a road.

A laneway home

the rear yard.

must be located in

Lot Coverage

- 45% maximum for buildings/structures
- 70% maximum for impervious surfaces

Parking

Required parking:

• 1 parking space will be required on the property. This must be uncovered or in a carport, and meet the City standard for a van accessible parking space (Zoning Bylaw Section 800.3.1).

Additional considerations:

- The parking space may be located within the side yard setback, subject to vision clearance at intersection regulations (Zoning Bylaw section 6.13).
- The parking area must include an energized outlet capable of providing Level 2 charging for an electric vehicle.
- Additional parking spaces may be provided on the property but will not be required. These may be uncovered, in a carport or in a garage.
- Parking/storage for bikes, strollers, etc. may be provided in detached accessory buildings, attached "bikeports" or bike lockers.

Environmental Design

- Laneway homes must meet BC Energy Step Code Level 3.
- An additional 0.5 m (1.64 ft.) in height may be permitted to support BC Energy Step Code 5 or BC Zero Carbon Step Code buildings.

Outdoor Space

- Trees must be retained or replaced as per the Burnaby Tree Bylaw.
- Private outdoor space for the laneway home will be encouraged: a minimum 4 m² (43.06 sq. ft.) private patio or minimum 3 m₂ (32.29 sq. ft.) deck or balcony.

Access/ Addressing

- A minimum 0.9 m (3 ft.) wide pathway is required from the street to the laneway home.
- "L" suffixes will be added to the main address to identify laneway homes (e.g. L1–1234 Main Street).

Servicing & Utilities

- Separate sewer, water and power services will be required for the laneway home.
- An annual supplementary utility fee will be charged for a laneway home.

Application Process

- A building permit will be required to construct a laneway home.
- A "How-To" guide will be provided to assist with the application process.
- A pre-approved design library will be created to accompany the program.

Heritage

• Exceptions to these regulations may be considered to preserve heritage buildings, through the Heritage Revitalization Agreement process.

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Suites in Semis

SECONDARY SUITES IN SEMI-DETACHED HOMES | FINAL PROGRAM FOR PHASE 1A

Zoning Districts

- Permitted in R4, R5, R6, R12 and RM6 Districts
- Due to fire separation requirements, secondary suites will not be permitted in up/down duplexes, where dwelling units are above or below other dwelling units.

Eligible Lots

To add a semi-detached home in the R4, R5, R6 or RM6 Districts, a lot must be at least:

• 557.4 m² (6,000 sq. ft.) and 15.0 m (49.2 ft.) wide.

To add a semi-detached home in the R12 District a lot must be at least:

- 306.57 m² (3,300 sq. ft.) and 9.15 m (30 ft.) wide on lots with lanes, or
- 306.57 m² (3,300 sq. ft.) and 13.7 m (45 ft.) wide on lots without lanes.

To add secondary suites to a semi-detached home, an eligible lot must have:

- · A semi-detached home (two attached units placed side-by-side or front-to-back).
- Vehicular access to the rear yard from the side or rear of the property, via an open lane or residential street.

Units per Lot

• Eligible lots may have up to 4 units.

This may include two semi-detached "primary" units, each with one secondary suite per unit..







Ownership

- A semi-detached home may be stratified into two "primary" units (each side may be sold separately). However, a secondary suite may not be separately stratified (sold separately) from a primary unit.
- A secondary suite may be rented out as a long-term rental unit. Short-term rentals will not be permitted in secondary suites.
- The owner will not be required to live on the property. If the owner lives off-site, an annual house rental business license will be required.

Floor Area

Maximum floor area for a secondary suite:

- There is no maximum floor area for a secondary suite, subject to the following:
 - » the secondary suite must be contained within a semi-detached unit; and
 - » a floor containing a secondary suite can be no greater in area than the storey next above or below it.
- The floor area of a secondary suite will not count toward the total floor area permitted for the semi-detached home.
- Ground level suites and basements containing secondary suites may be added to a two-storey semi-detached home.

Minimum floor area for a secondary suite:

32.52 m² (350 sq. ft.)

Additional Considerations:

- A "ground level suite" means a suite at or below ground level with an accessible path to the front door that is certified as meeting universal design standards.
- The top floor of a semi-detached home has no maximum size but must be at least one third of the permitted above grade floor area.



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SECONDARY SUITES IN SEMI-DETACHED HOMES | FINAL PROGRAM FOR PHASE 1A Height Maximum height for a semi-detached home with a secondary suite other than a ground level suite: • Two storeys plus basement; and • Up to 9.0 m (29.5 ft.) for a sloping roof or 7.4 m (24.3 ft.) for a flat roof. Maximum height for a semi-detached home with a ground level suite: · Two storeys plus ground level suite; and • Up to 10.5m (34.4 ft.) for a sloping roof, or 8.9m (29.2 ft.) for a flat roof. **Setbacks** • Setbacks for semi-detached homes will be as per existing Zoning Bylaw regulations. · Lot coverage for semi-detached homes will be as per existing Zoning Bylaw regulations. Lot Coverage 70% maximum for impervious surfaces. **Parking** Required parking: • 2 parking spaces will be required on the property (one per side of the semi-detached home). These must be uncovered or in a carport. • Parking spaces for suites must meet the City standard for an accessible parking space. · Parking spaces for ground level suites should meet the City standard for a van accessible parking space. Additional considerations: · Each parking space must include an energized outlet capable of providing Level 2 charging for an electric vehicle. Additional (unrequired) parking spaces may be included on the Required parking must be accessed from a site and may be uncovered, in a lane or, subject to the approval of the General carport or in a garage. Manager Engineering, a side or rear street. Environmental • Step 3 of the BC Energy Step Code will need to be met for newly constructed semi-detached homes with secondary suites. Design • A minimum 4 m² (43.06 sq. ft.) of private outdoor space per suite is encouraged. **Outdoor** • The protection and/or provision of trees as per the *Burnaby Tree Bylaw*. Space "S" suffixes will be added to the main address to identify secondary suites (e.g. S1–1234 Main Access/ Street). Addressing Servicing & Servicing for secondary suites in semi-detached homes will be as per secondary suites in single-family homes. **Utilities** An annual supplementary utility fee will be charged for each secondary suite that is rented out. **Application** A building permit will be required to construct a suite in a semi-detached home. • A "How-To" guide will be provided to assist with the application process. **Process** A pre-approved design library will be created to accompany the program.

NOTES:

- Housing Choices Phase 1b is launching summer 2023 and may result in updates to the requirements described above once implemented in 2024.
- Laneway homes in Agricultural (A) zoning districts are being considered separately as part of an agricultural lands review starting in 2023.