amending by-law authorizing relaxations for low cost housing for persons receiving assistance

Zoning & Development By-law

Draft for Public Hearing

BY-LAW NO.

A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 regarding relaxations for low cost housing for persons receiving assistance

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in public meeting, enacts as follows:

- 1. This by-law amends the indicated provisions of By-law No. 3575.
- 2. Under Section 3.2 Relaxation, Council strikes out subsection 3.2.9 and substitutes:
 - "3.2.9 The Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board may relax the provisions of this by-law where the proposed development makes provision for low cost housing for persons receiving assistance, if the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board first considers:
 - (a) all applicable Council policies and guidelines;
 - (b) the impact on the liveability of neighbouring residents; and
 - (c) the proposed development is not in the RS-1, RS-1A, RS-1B, RS-2, RS-3 and RS-3A, RS-4, RS-5, RS-6, RS-7, RT-1, RT-4, RT-7, RT-9, RT-10 or RT-11 zoning district or in any other zoning district that permits one family dwellings and does not permit multiple dwellings.

For the purposes of this section, low cost housing for persons receiving assistance means social housing, except that 70% of the dwelling units must be occupied by persons eligible for either Income Assistance or a combination of basic Old Age Security pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement and must be rented at rates no higher than the shelter component of Income Assistance, and the remainder of the dwelling units must be occupied by households with incomes below housing income limits, as set out in the current 'Housing Income Limits' table published by the British Columbia Housing Management Commission, or equivalent publication.

3.2.10 The authority of the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board to relax any provision of this by-law pursuant to this section 3.2 includes the authority to impose conditions, including but not limited to time limitations."

3. A decision by a court that any part of this By-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this By-law, and is not to affect the balance of this By-law.

4. This By-law is to come into force and take effect on the date of its enactment.

