Zoning & Development By-law Floor Area Exclusions

Draft for Public Hearing

BY-LAW NO. _____

A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 regarding floor area exclusions

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

1. This By-law amends or adds to the indicated provisions of the Zoning and Development By-law.

2. In section 10.33, Council strikes the existing section and replaces it with:

"10.33 Exclusions for Exterior Wall Thickness

- 10.33.1 For residential buildings less than seven storeys in height, computation of floor area shall exclude 2% of the total area in buildings of three storeys or less if the majority of the exterior wall space contain at least 175 mm of thermal insulation in total thickness, or 1% of total area in buildings of four to six storeys where the majority of exterior wall space contain at least 100 mm of thermal insulation in total thickness.
- 10.33.2 Where no exclusion under sections 10.33.1 or 11.24.18 is granted, the Director of Planning may exclude an area equal to the area occupied by the insulation thickness that exceeds the applicable thermal performance value for exterior walls in the Building By-law, as verified by a Building Envelope Professional, to a maximum exclusion of 330 mm of thickness for buildings of six storeys or less, and a maximum exclusion of 179 mm of thickness for all other buildings.
- 10.33.3 Computation of floor area shall exclude an area equal to the area occupied by a rain screen system in a wall that exceeds 203 mm in thickness, as verified by a Building Envelope Professional, to a maximum exclusion of 152 mm of thickness, except that this exclusion shall not apply to laneway houses or to one or two-family dwellings of three storeys or less with or without a secondary suite."

3. In section 11.24.18, Council strikes the period "." at the end of 11.24.18 (c) (iv) and replaces it with a semi-colon ";", and then adds the following text:

"(d) 3% of the total area, where the exterior walls include a minimum of 175 mm of thermal insulation in total.

Where floor area is excluded under section 11.24.18 (d), the Director of Planning may vary section 11.24.9 (a) and 11.24.14 (a) no more than 30 cm."

4. 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 the By-law.

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

ENACTED by Council this day of

, 2017

Mayor

City Clerk