

**BY-LAW NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A By-law to Amend  
Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575  
Regarding Building Permits**

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

1. This By-law amends the indicated provisions of the Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575.
2. Council strikes out section 4.7 and substitutes the following:

**“4.7 Building Permit Validity**

**4.7.1** Unless issued in accordance with sections 4.7.2 and 4.7.3, no building permit issued for any operation with respect to which a development permit is required under this By-law shall be valid unless and until a development permit has been issued.

**4.7.2** Despite section 4.7.1, the Director of Planning may recommend the issuance of a building permit to the City Building Inspector, provided that the:

- (i) Director of Planning has issued a “prior-to permit issuance” letter for the development;
- (ii) Director of Planning, in consultation with the City Engineer and Director of Legal Services, is satisfied that the applicant has made substantial progress in satisfying the conditions imposed under (i);
- (iii) City Building Inspector, in consultation with the City Engineer, is satisfied that a building permit may be issued, and the building permit:
  - (a) application is submitted by a Certified Professional; and
  - (b) is limited only to excavation and shoring associated with the proposed development permit for the same site; and
- (iv) development must include one of the following uses:
  - (a) Cultural and Recreational Uses, limited to Artist Studio, Community Centre or Neighbourhood House, Library, Museum or Archives, and Park or Playground;
  - (b) Dwelling Uses, developed as Social Housing or Secured Market Rental Housing;
  - (c) Institutional Uses; or
  - (d) any other use which the Director of Planning reasonably considers to be similar to the foregoing.

**4.7.3** If the Director of Planning recommends that a building permit be issued pursuant to section 4.7.2, the City Building Inspector may issue a building permit, and in addition to any authority granted to the City Building Inspector under the Building By-law, may impose conditions on the building permit that require the owner to:

- (i) provide the City with a certified Letter of Credit for an amount equal to the estimated cost of backfilling the excavation and shoring works to the satisfaction of the City Engineer; and
- (ii) register a covenant on the title of the site, pursuant to section 219 of the Land Title Act, that is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services.”.

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.

ENACTED by Council this        day of        , 2021

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Mayor

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City Clerk