

Miscellaneous Amendments – Zoning and Development By-law and Various Other By laws and Land Use Documents - Other

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2025-02-20	11:04	Miscellaneous Amendments – Zoning and Development By-law and Various Other By laws and Land Use Documents	Other	<p>Hello City Council.</p> <p>I am writing to express my deep disappointment and communicate the negative impact of the recent decision to remove Resident Only Parking of the 1500 Larch St. block.</p> <p>Context: Our strata consists of 6 townhomes, each which neatly align with each of the 6 parking spaces on the block (see attached diagram & image).</p> <p>For as long as the members of our strata can remember, we have had a relationship with the city that respects the fact that we do not have alleyway access and acknowledged the parking and security considerations for our 6 units.</p> <p>In our strata we have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physicians on-call 2. New moms 3. Aging adults <p>All who rely on parking, and purchase their home with the expectation that our townhomes have parking. (Our townhomes are 3 bedroom, 2-3 bathrooms, and buyers expect to have parking.)</p> <p>Additionally, as a group of environmentally conscious individuals some of us have electric vehicles, and installed chargers for these vehicles in our front patios so that we can charge our vehicles. Many others in our strata have desires to transition to EVs.</p> <p>The change made by the city: The city has opted to remove the Resident Only Parking and install Permit Parking, thereby allowing anyone in Kitsilano North – an area 5x6 blocks! – to park in any of the six spaces in front of our homes. Additionally, we are outside of the Broadway Plan, yet the parking for these new developments would have access to the six spaces in discussion.</p> <p>Here’s the impact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Significantly more time spent searching for parking - you have essentially created a game of music chairs – you haven’t created more parking, you’ve just increased the number of permutations for cars to park, making everything extremely inconvenient. This is in direct opposition to the City’s objective to make parking more reliable. 2. Discriminatory practices towards our important professionals, older adults, and new moms. We all purchased our homes with the understanding 	Alex Brown	Kitsilano	Attachment 1

that the Resident Only Parking was grandfathered into the City's parking regulations and we were never consulted on the change.

- Are our doctors now going to have to circle the block searching for a spot when they come back from an on-call shift?
- Who's going to help our elderly neighbours carry their groceries from down the block?
- Are our new mothers going to have to do multiple trips with their newborn just to load their car to go to work and daycare?

3. Discouraging transition to EVs - the changes significantly discourage a transition to electric vehicles as we no longer have a spot to charge our cars. What about the investments we've already made in EVs? Now anyone can park in these spots directly in front of our homes, which are needed for charging.

We are outside of the Broadway plan so why are we in the same parking zone? Why were we not consulted on the potential change?

The change to Permit Parking makes sense for apartments or condos, but does not make sense for us given the location in our neighbourhood or the orientation of our homes to the street.

There are a number of light weight solutions that would solve these issues that our strata would love to speak with you about. There needs to be a better solution.

I appreciate your attention and consideration to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Alex Brown & Strata VR1201