

BY-LAW NO.

**A By-law to amend the Single Room Accommodation By-law No. 8733
regarding tenant issues**

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

1. This by-law amends the Single Room Accommodation By-law No. 8733.
2. Council strikes subsection 4.8 (f), which currently reads:
 - “(f) as a condition attached to a conversion or demolition permit for a designated room, allow the demolition or conversion of the room so that it is no longer a designated room, if the owner, to the satisfaction of and as required by Council or the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services:
 - (i) locates comparable or better accommodation at a comparable or lesser rent for the permanent resident who is displaced,
 - (ii) arranges for the re-location of the permanent resident to such comparable accommodation, and pays actual moving expenses,
 - (iii) provides replacement housing for the designated room, and
 - (iv) gives the permanent resident re-located under section 4.8 (f) (ii) the first right of refusal to rent the replacement rooms and pays actual moving expenses;”

and replaces it as follows:

- “(f) as a condition attached to a conversion or demolition permit for a designated room, allow the demolition or conversion of the room so that it is no longer a designated room, if the owner, to the satisfaction of and as required by Council or the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services:
 - (i) ensures that comparable or better accommodation is provided to every tenant displaced by the conversion or demolition so that:
 - (A) if the tenant was paying rent geared to income through a government program, at a rent no higher than was being paid; or
 - (B) for all other tenants, at a rent no higher than 30% of the tenant's income or the tenant's previous rent, whichever is lower;
 - (ii) arranges for the re-location of the permanent resident to such comparable or better accommodation, and pays actual moving expenses,
 - (iii) provides replacement housing for the designated room,

- (iv) gives the permanent resident re-located under section 4.8 (f) (ii) the first right of refusal to rent the replacement rooms and pays actual moving expenses,
- (v) to ensure compliance with (i) (A) or (i) (B), the condition may specify that the tenant be provided with a monthly rent subsidy that is equal to the difference between the required rent under (i) (A) or (i) (B) and the amount of rent actually paid until the tenant exercises or declines the right or first refusal in (iv).
- (vi) engages a registered non-profit society to assist with tenant relocation to ensure that low-cost accommodation is encouraged.”.

3. Council strikes subsection 4.8 (g), which currently reads:

- “(g) as a condition attached to a conversion or demolition permit for a designated room, allow the demolition or conversion of the room so that it is no longer a designated room, if the owner, to the satisfaction of and as required by Council or the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services:
- (i) locates comparable or better accommodation at a comparable or lesser rent for the permanent resident who is displaced,
 - (ii) arranges for the re-location of the permanent resident to such comparable accommodation, and pays actual moving expenses, and
 - (iii) pays an amount specified in 4.8(a);”.

and replaces it as follows:

- “(g) as a condition attached to a conversion or demolition permit for a designated room, allow the demolition or conversion of the room so that it is no longer a designated room, if the owner, to the satisfaction of and as required by Council or the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services:
- (i) ensures that comparable or better accommodation is provided to every tenant displaced by the conversion or demolition so that:
 - (A) if the tenant was paying rent geared to income through a government program, at a rent no higher than was being paid; or
 - (B) for all other tenants, at a rent no higher than 30% of the tenant’s income or the tenant’s previous rent, whichever is lower;
 - (ii) arranges for the re-location of the permanent resident to such comparable or better accommodation, and pays actual moving expenses,
 - (iii) engages a registered non-profit society to assist with tenant relocation to ensure that low-cost accommodation is encouraged
 - (iv) pays an amount specified in 4.8 (a);”.

4. Council strikes the introduction to subsection 4.8 (i), which currently reads:

“(i) as a condition of approving a conversion or demolition permit for a designated room, require the owner to provide every permanent resident whose tenancy is terminated as a result of the work contemplated by the permit with moving expenses of \$750, or if less than \$750, the actual costs of moving and additional compensation based on the length of tenancy of the permanent resident in accordance with the following:”

and replaces it as follows:

“(i) as a condition of approving a conversion or demolition permit for a designated room, require the owner to provide every permanent resident whose tenancy is terminated as a result of the work contemplated by the permit with the actual costs of moving, including moving costs to relocate to the replacement unit, and additional compensation based on the length of tenancy of the permanent resident in accordance with the following;”.

5. 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.

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

ENACTED by Council this day of , 2026

Mayor

City Clerk