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Zoning Bylaw Amendments

Off-Street Accessible Parking Requirements

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Purpose

To present introductory readings for Zoning Bylaw Changes to incorporate proposed supply rates and design requirements for off- street accessible parking



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Background

BC Building Code Changes

- Identified Action in Strategic Plan and Accessibility Framework Short-Term Action Plan

May – December 2020

- Consultant Study of best practices on rates/design guidelines
- Stakeholder and Industry Engagement
 - SPARC BC, the Action Committee for People with Disabilities, the BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society, the Victoria Disability Resource Centre, and the Urban Development Institute.

February 2021

- COTW report with recommendations on rates and design requirements, approach to public parking retrofits and expansion
- Council direction to proceed with Zoning Bylaw amendments while continuing to gather additional input from people with lived experience

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Background

March – September 2021

- Input from new Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Online Survey through Have Your Say Portal
- Direct invitation to 250+ parking permit holders from *Victoria Disability Resource Centre* to provide feedback
- “Test stall” sites with invitation for feedback

October 2021 – March 2022

- Bylaw development
- Application testing

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Summary of Bylaw Requirements

- Requirements for accessible parking supply in attached/multi-unit residential, industrial, commercial, institutional, assisted living and hospitals
- Standardized stall dimensions, layout and grades
- Requirements for accessible visitor stalls

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Simplified Rate Summary

Land Use Category	BC Building Code Supply Rate (2018)	Recommended Supply Rate (2021)	Recommended Supply Rate (2022)
Commercial (e.g. office, personal services, restaurants, grocery)	1:100 and no visitor stalls	1:50 plus accessible visitor stalls	1:25 plus accessible visitor stalls
Attached Residential (e.g. condominium, apartment)	1:100 and no visitor stalls	1:25 plus accessible visitor stalls	1:25 plus accessible visitor stalls
Institutional (e.g. schools, places of worship, art galleries, gyms)	1:100 and no visitor stalls	1:50 plus accessible visitor stalls	1:25 plus accessible visitor stalls
Industrial (e.g. warehouse)	1:100 and no visitor stalls	1:50 plus accessible visitor stalls	1:25 plus accessible visitor stalls
Hospital	1:100 and no visitor stalls	5% of all required parking spaces	5% of all required parking spaces are accessible
Assisted Living	1:100 and no visitor stalls	15% of all required parking spaces	15% of all required parking spaces are accessible

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Delegation of Variances

Site specific challenges may arise which result in variance requests

- These typically go to Council adding time, cost and risk to projects
- Some authority is already given to minor, non-residential parking variances

Opportunity to delegate minor variances to staff to further streamline land use procedures

- Variances to accessible parking stalls
- Variances to conventional parking stalls to accommodate accessible stall requirements
- Demonstrated undue hardship

Under this scenario, staff could still refer any variance application to Council. If supported, suggested wording will be incorporated in future Land Use Procedure Bylaw Amendment.

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Recommendations

1. That the following bylaws be given introductory readings: a. Zoning Regulation Bylaw 22-024, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1260). b. Zoning Bylaw 2018 22-025, Amendment Bylaw (No. 10).
2. If the Zoning Regulation Amendment Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw 2018 Amendment Bylaw identified in #1 are adopted, Council directs the City Solicitor to draft bylaw amendments to the Victoria Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw to update supplementary drawings and specifications for accessible parking stalls.
3. If the Zoning Regulation Amendment Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw 2018 Amendment Bylaw identified in #1 are adopted, Council directs the City Solicitor to draft bylaw amendments to the Land Use Procedures Bylaw to delegate, to the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, approval of variances related to the accessible parking regulations.

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