

### 3.26 Secondary Suites



Bylaw  
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A *secondary suite* is subject to the following regulations:

1. A *secondary suite* is added to the list of permitted uses in the A1, RU1, RU2, RU3, RU4, RU5, RU6, and R1 *zone* if the *zone* has an “s” notation shown on Schedule B, the Zoning Map, as part of the zone identification. The “s” notation shall be shown on Schedule B the Zoning Map as follows: A1s, RU1s, RU2s, RU3s, RU4s, RU5s, RU6s, and R1s. An “s” zoning classification on a *parcel* shall be established by rezoning the subject *parcel* to the “s” version of the *zone*. The regulations set out for the “s” version of the *zone* will be the same as the regulations for the version without the “s”, except for the addition of *secondary suite* as a permitted use.
2. The *secondary suite* shall have its own separate cooking, sleeping, and bathing facilities.
3. The *secondary suite* shall have direct access to outside without passing through any part of the principal *dwelling unit*.
4. The *secondary suite* shall be located within a *single detached house*.
  - a) The *secondary suite* shall not be connected to a *single detached house* by a *breezeway* or *carport*.
5. No more than one *secondary suite* is permitted per *parcel*.
6. A *secondary suite* is not permitted in conjunction with *bed and breakfast accommodation*.
7. A *secondary suite* is not permitted if an *accessory home* exists.
8. A minor *home based business* is permitted within a *secondary suite*.
9. One *parking space* for the *secondary suite* is required in addition to those required for the principal dwelling.
10. A *secondary suite* shall meet all requirements of the British Columbia Building Code and amendments thereto.
11. The *secondary suite* must be serviced by a *community water system* or a *private water source*.
  - a) For a *community water system*, written authorization permitting the *secondary suite* from the service provider is required.
  - b) For a *private water source*, a copy of the Water License, if applicable under the Water Sustainability Act, is required.

12. The *secondary suite* must be connected to a *community sewer system* or serviced by an *on-site sewerage system*, subject to the following:
- a) For *community sewer system*, written authorization permitting the secondary suite from the service provider is required.
  - b) For *on-site sewerage system*, written confirmation is required from an Authorized Person under the Public Health Act: Sewerage System Regulation which includes:
    1. For lots with an existing *on-site sewerage system*, a Compliance Inspection must indicate that the existing system is capable of processing the daily domestic sewerage flow for both *dwelling units* and demonstrates the existing system meets today's standards and can be expanded for the new Daily Design Flow and there is sufficient room on the property for a back-up type 1 trench system.
    2. For lots without an existing *on-site sewerage system*, a primary and reserve area for type 1 trench disposal for intended Daily Design Flow.

[Note: *Secondary suites* shall comply with all relevant *Regional District* bylaws and the BC Building Code.]

[Note: No *secondary suite* will be permitted without connection to a community sanitary sewer unless the *parcel* meets the requirements of the Okanagan Similkameen Health Region for on-site sewage disposal for the *secondary suite*.]

[Note see section 3.7 for limitations on parking areas in the front *setback*. Also note the definition for *parking space*.]