

## 14. Agriculture and Golf Zones

### 14.1 Agriculture (AG1; <sup>[Bylaw 8672, Jan 24/11]</sup>; AG3; AG4 <sup>[Bylaw 8581, Sep 13/10]</sup>)

#### 14.1.1 Purpose

The **zone** provides for a wide range of farming and compatible uses consistent with the provisions of the **Agricultural Land Reserve**. The **zone** is divided into 3 sub-zones: AG1 for traditional sites zoned for agricultural purposes; <sup>[Bylaw 8672, Jan 24/11]</sup> AG3 for new **sites** that would permit **seasonal farm labour accommodation**; AG4 for a **site** that would permit a **cranberry processing facility**. <sup>[Bylaw 8581, Sep 13/10]</sup>

#### 14.1.2 Permitted Uses

- animal breeding and boarding
- animal day care
- animal grooming
- animal shelter
- cranberry processing facility <sup>[Bylaw 8581, Sep 13/10]</sup>
- equestrian centre
- farm business
- housing, single detached
- kennel, hobby dog

#### 14.1.3 A. Secondary Uses

<sup>[Bylaw 9647, May 8/17]</sup>

- agri-tourist operation
- boarding and lodging
- child care
- community care facility, minor
- home business
- roadside stand
- secondary suite
- winery, farm-based
- bed and breakfast
- seasonal farm labour accommodation

#### 14.1.3 B. Uses that require Provincial Agricultural Land Commission approval

- utility, major
- veterinary clinic

#### 14.1.4 Permitted Density

- a) The maximum **floor area ratio** for all **buildings** and **structures** is 0.60, except where greenhouses are located on the **lot**, in which case the maximum **floor area ratio** is 0.75, of which at least 0.70 **floor area ratio** must be used for greenhouses. <sup>[Bylaw 9712, May 17/17]</sup>
  - b) The maximum **floor area** for a **principal dwelling unit** and all **accessory buildings** or **accessory structures** to the **principal dwelling unit** is the lesser of: <sup>[Bylaw 9712, May 17/17]</sup>
    - i) the **floor area ratio** of 0.55 applied to a maximum of 464.5 m<sup>2</sup> of the **lot area** together with 0.30 applied to the balance of the **lot area** in excess of 464.5 m<sup>2</sup>; or <sup>[Bylaw 9712, May 17/17]</sup>
    - ii) 400 m<sup>2</sup>. <sup>[Bylaw 9965, Dec 17/18]</sup>
  - c) The maximum size for each residential **accessory building** or **accessory structure** is 70 m<sup>2</sup>. <sup>[Bylaw 9712, May 17/17]</sup>
2. The maximum residential **density** is one **principal dwelling unit** per **lot**. <sup>[Bylaw 9985, Feb 19/19]</sup>
3. For **lots** zoned AG4, the maximum **floor area ratio** is 0.11. <sup>[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]</sup>

4. [Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]

4. **Agricultural buildings and structures** and greenhouses solely for supporting a **farm business** or for growing, producing, raising or keeping animals and plants are not permitted to have concrete construction, **hardsurfacing** or other impermeable **structure** or construction sunk into, at or below the **natural grade** of the **site** except: [Bylaw 9861, Jun 18/18]

- a) where **Agricultural buildings and structures**, excluding greenhouses, are supported by a system of columns or posts, where each supporting column or post has a minimum radius of 3 m to the next adjacent column or post and that the maximum footprint area for each concrete footing associated with each column or post is 0.5 m<sup>2</sup>; and [Bylaw 9861, Jun 18/18]
- b) concrete grade beams connecting concrete pad foundations are not permitted. [Bylaw 9861, Jun 18/18]

5. **Agricultural buildings and structures**, excluding greenhouses, are permitted a maximum of 10% coverage of the **gross floor area** at the ground level of the **building** to be covered by impermeable surfaces. [Bylaw 9861, Jun 18/18]

6. The provisions of Section 14.1.4.4 and 14.1.4.5 do not apply for: [Bylaw 9861, Jun 18/18]

- a) **agricultural buildings and structures** on a **lot**, excluding greenhouses, with a cumulative **lot coverage** equal to or less than 750 m<sup>2</sup> in total area for all existing and proposed **agricultural buildings and structures**. [Bylaw 9861, Jun 18/18]

#### 14.1.4.A Farm Home Plate [Bylaw 9966, Dec 17/18]

1. The maximum area of the **farm home plate** is: [Bylaw 9966, Dec 17/18]

- a) 50% of the **lot area** for **lots** less than 0.2 ha; and [Bylaw 9966, Dec 17/18]
- b) 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> for **lots** equal to or greater than 0.2 ha. [Bylaw 9966, Dec 17/18]

2. Intentionally deleted. [Bylaw 9985, Feb 19/19]

#### 14.1.5 Permitted Lot Coverage

1. The maximum **lot coverage** for **agricultural buildings and structures** is:

- a) 75% for greenhouses; and
- b) 35% for all other agricultural buildings and structures.

2. For **lots** zoned AG4, the maximum **lot coverage** is 13%. [Bylaw 8581, Sep 13/10]

3. The maximum farm house footprint is 60% of the maximum **floor area ratio** as permitted under Section 14.1.4 of this bylaw. The farm house footprint means the total horizontal area of the **farm home plate** that may be occupied by the **first storey** of a **single detached housing unit**. [Bylaw 9966, Dec 17/18]

#### 14.1.6 Yards & Setbacks [Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]

1. The maximum **farm home plate setback** from the **front lot line** to the rear of the **farm home plate** is 75 m. [Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]

2. No portion of a **single detached housing building**, including any additional **dwelling units**, shall be located further than 50.0 m from a constructed public **road abutting** the property. On a **corner lot** or **double fronting lot**, the 50.0 m **setback** from a constructed public **road abutting** the property shall be determined based on the location of the permitted access to the **single detached housing building** or additional **dwelling unit(s)**. *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
3. The minimum **yards** for **single detached housing**, including any additional **dwelling units** and all **accessory buildings** or **accessory structures** to the **single detached housing** are: *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
  - a) 6.0 m in the **front yard**; *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
  - b) on an **interior lot**, 1.2 m on one **interior side yard** and *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
    - i) 4.0 m on the other **interior side yard** for **lots** less than 0.8 ha; or *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
    - ii) 6.0 m on the other **interior side yard** for **lots** of 0.8 ha or more; *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
  - c) on a **corner lot**, 1.2 m on the **interior side yard** and 4.0 m on the **exterior side yard** regardless if the **lot** is less than 0.8 ha or is 0.8 ha or more; and *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
  - d) 10.0 m in the **rear yard** for **single detached housing**, including any additional **dwelling units**. *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
4. All **accessory buildings** or **accessory structures** to the **single detached housing** shall have a minimum **building separation space** of 1.2 m. *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
5. The minimum **yards** for all **agricultural buildings and structures** for: *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
  - a) **front yard** and **exterior side yard** is: *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
    - i) 15.0 m for mushroom barns, livestock barns, poultry brooder houses, confined livestock areas, fur farming sheds, livestock shelters, milking facilities, stables and hatcheries; and *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
    - ii) 7.5 m for all other **agricultural buildings and structures**. *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
  - b) **interior side yard** and **rear yard** is: *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
    - i) 15.0 m for livestock barns, poultry brooder houses, confined livestock areas, fur farming shelters, livestock sheds, milking facilities, stables and hatcheries; *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
    - ii) 7.5 m for mushroom barns, apiculture hives, honey houses and shelters; and *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
    - iii) 4.5 m for all other **agricultural buildings and structures**. *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
6. For **lots** zoned AG4, the minimum **setbacks** for **buildings** and **structures** are: *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
  - a) 20 m for west and east **setbacks**; *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
  - b) 18 m for south **setbacks**; and *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
  - c) 13 m for north **setbacks**. *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*
7. For **lots** zoned AG4, the minimum **setbacks** for **accessory buildings** and **structures** is 9 m to all **property lines**. *[Bylaw 9707, May 17/17]*

### 14.1.7 Permitted Heights

1. The maximum **height** for **single detached housing**, including any additional **dwelling units**, is **2 storeys**, but shall not exceed 9.0 m. [Bylaw 9966, Dec 17/18]
2. The maximum **height** for **accessory buildings** to the **single detached housing** and to any additional **dwelling units** is 5.0 m or 1 ½ **storeys**.
3. The maximum **height** for **accessory structures** to the **single detached housing** and to any additional **dwelling units** is 9.0 m.
4. The maximum **height** for **agricultural buildings and structures** is 35.0 m.
5. The maximum **height** for all other **accessory structures** is 20.0 m.
6. For **lots** zoned AG4, the maximum **height** for **buildings** is 14 m. [Bylaw 8581, Sep 13/10]
7. For **lots** zoned AG4, the maximum **height** for **accessory structures** is 20 m. [Bylaw 8581, Sep 13/10]

### 14.1.8 Subdivision Provisions/Minimum Lot Size

1. **Subdivision** of land in the **Agricultural Land Reserve** shall not be permitted unless approved by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission. Where the approval of the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission is not required, the minimum **lot area** shall be 2.0 ha.
2. The following minimum requirements shall apply to the **uses** listed below:
  - a) **single detached housing** shall not be built on a **lot** with a **lot area** of less than 828.0 m<sup>2</sup>;
  - b) **hobby dog kennel** shall have a minimum **frontage** of 18.0 m and a minimum **lot area** of 0.4 ha;
  - c) **animal day care** shall have a minimum **frontage** of 38.0 m and the minimum **lot area** of 1.0 ha;
  - d) **animal shelter** shall have a minimum **frontage** of 60.0 m and a minimum **lot area** of 2.0 ha; and
  - e) **roadside stand** must be incidental to and supported by a **farm operation** of at least 0.8 ha.

### 14.1.9 Landscaping & Screening

1. **Landscaping** and **screening** shall be provided according to the provisions of Section 6.0.

### 14.1.10 On-Site Parking and Loading

1. On-site **vehicle** parking shall be provided according to the standards set out in Section 7.0.

### 14.1.11 Other Regulations

1. **Child care** is limited to a maximum of 30 children and to the following **site** only:

- a) 7471 No. 6 Road  
P.I.D. 003-916-332  
Parcel "2" (J21626E) Lot "B" Section 17 Block 4 North Range 5 West  
New Westminster District Plan 11667
2. For the purposes of this **zone**, the following permitted **uses** are allowed in the **Agricultural Land Reserve** as "breeding pets or operating a kennel or a boarding facility":
    - a) animal breeding and boarding;
    - b) animal daycare;
    - c) animal grooming;
    - d) animal shelter; and
    - e) kennel, hobby dog.
  3. A **home business** shall be limited to a maximum **floor area** of 100.0 m<sup>2</sup> and must be located and carried out wholly within the **dwelling unit** and not an **accessory building**.
  4. *Intentionally deleted. [Bylaw 9647, May 8/17]*
  5. A **major utility** located in these **zones** shall be limited to a public sewage treatment plant.
  6. **Seasonal farm labour accommodation** shall only be permitted on:
    - a) a **site** zoned AG3;
    - b) a lot located in the Agricultural Land Reserve;
    - c) a **lot** designated for 'agriculture' in the General Land Use Map contained in the **Official Community Plan**; and
    - d) a **lot** classified as 'farm' under the *BC Assessment Act*.
  7. The following provisions must be met to permit **seasonal farm labour accommodation**:
    - a) minimum **farm operation** size of 8.09 ha;
    - b) the seasonal farm labour accommodation must be located on the same lot as an existing single detached housing;
    - c) only one seasonal farm labour accommodation is permitted per farm operation;
    - d) a building used for seasonal farm labour accommodation shall not exceed 400.0 m<sup>2</sup>;
    - e) a maximum of 40 seasonal farm labour occupants per seasonal farm labour accommodation is permitted;
    - f) minimum **floor area** per occupant is to be 10.0 m<sup>2</sup>; and
    - g) a **building** used for **seasonal farm labour accommodation** shall be considered a **dwelling** with all regulations relating to **density**, minimum and maximum **yards** and **height** to apply.
  8. The following limitations apply to **seasonal farm labour accommodation**:
    - a) a **building** used for **seasonal farm labour accommodation** must adhere to all relevant components of the *Building Code* and the **City's** Building Regulation;

- b) a **lot** that contains a **building** used for **seasonal farm labour accommodation** is subject to inspections by the **City** during any 12 month period to ensure that occupation is in compliance with the regulations contained in this **zone**;
  - c) a **building** used for **seasonal farm labour accommodation** does not need to be removed when not occupied by **seasonal farm labour** if the **use** is required on an ongoing, annual basis for the agricultural purpose of the **farm operation**;
  - d) if **seasonal farm labour accommodation** is no longer required for the **farm operation**, all **buildings** used for **seasonal farm labour accommodation** must be removed and the land restored to its original state; and
  - e) costs of removal of the **seasonal farm labour accommodation building** and restoration of land to its original state are to be the responsibility of the property **owner**.
9. The following provisions apply for **lots** containing two or more existing **dwelling units**:
- a) a **lot** that contains two or more existing **dwelling units** may be permitted to **use** only one **dwelling** for the purpose of **seasonal farm labour accommodation**;
  - b) rezoning approval on a **site** specific basis to permit an existing **dwelling** to be used for **seasonal farm labour accommodation** is required; and
  - c) an existing **dwelling** used for **seasonal farm labour accommodation** must adhere to all relevant provisions and regulations contained in this **zone**.
10. All **accessory buildings** to the **single detached housing** shall:
- a) not contain a **kitchen** or any **habitable space**;
  - b) be limited to one washroom with a maximum **floor area** of 10.0 m<sup>2</sup>, which must not contain a bathtub and which must be located on the ground floor; and
  - c) be designed and used for the storage and parking of **vehicles** on the ground floor, with pedestrian **access** to:
    - i) the 1st **storey** being limited to one door which must be to and through the **vehicle** storage parking area; and
    - ii) any ½ **storey** being limited to the inside of the **accessory building** from the **vehicle** storage and parking area only.
11. **Accessory buildings** that are not accessory to the **single detached housing** shall:
- a) be designed and used for agricultural purposes; and
  - b) only be permitted on a property that is assessed as “farm” under the *BC Assessment Act*.
12. **Telecommunication antenna** shall not occupy more than 100.0 m<sup>2</sup> for equipment, **buildings** and installations for each **lot** if located in the **Agricultural Land Reserve**.
13. If a **minor community care facility** is located on the **Agricultural Land Reserve**, the facility shall be:
- a) limited to a maximum of 8 people; and
  - b) subject to the provisions in the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*.

14. A **cranberry processing facility** shall only be permitted on a **site** zoned AG4 provided that: *[Bylaw 8581, Sep 13/10]*
- a) **parking spaces** are provided at a ratio of 1 space per 100 m<sup>2</sup> of **gross leasable floor area of building**;
  - b) the **finished site grade** shall not exceed a maximum of 3.5 m GSC; and
  - c) **Outdoor storage** is permitted as an **ancillary use** provided that:
    - i) the goods or materials piled, stacked or stored in any manner do not exceed a **height** of 8 m and shall be **setback** a minimum of 9 m to all **property lines**;
    - ii) **outdoor storage** areas are surfaced with asphalt, concrete or other durable hard and dust-free surface;
    - iii) storing wrecked or salvaged goods and materials is prohibited;
    - iv) storing goods or materials that are capable of being transmitted above, across or below a land or water surface due to the effects of weather is prohibited;
    - v) storing goods or materials that constitute a health, fire explosion or safety hazard is prohibited;
    - vi) producing or discharging or emitting odoriferous, toxic or noxious matter or vapours, effluents, heat glare, radiation, noise, electrical interference or vibrations is prohibited; and
    - vii) servicing of **vehicles** is prohibited.
15. The following are **site-specific zone** regulations for the purposes of accommodating accessibility features and subject to the approval granted by the Agricultural Land Commission dated January 10, 2023, in accordance with the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (as amended), applicable only to the **lot** located at: *[Bylaw 10448, Dec 11/23]*
- 15140 Westminster Highway *[Bylaw 10448, Dec 11/23]*  
 P.I.D. 003-749-291  
 Parcel "B" (Reference Plan 1036) Section 10 Block 4 North Range 5 West New Westminster District
- a) An additional **dwelling unit** is permitted and shall have a maximum **floor area** of 320.9 m<sup>2</sup>; *[Bylaw 10448, Dec 11/23]*
  - b) The maximum area of the **farm home plate** for the additional **dwelling unit** is 3,500 m<sup>2</sup>; *[Bylaw 10448, Dec 11/23]*
  - c) The maximum **farm home plate setback** from the **front lot line** to the rear of the **farm home plate** for the additional **dwelling unit** is 85 m and no portion of the additional **dwelling unit** shall be located further than 68 m from a constructed public **road abutting** the property; *[Bylaw 10448, Dec 11/23]*
  - d) The maximum farm house footprint is 100% of the maximum **floor area** as permitted under Section 14.1.11.15 a). *[Bylaw 10448, Dec 11/23]*
16. The following provisions shall apply where existing **single detached housing** is added to or expanded on, but do not apply to a legal **secondary suite** which must not exceed a total **floor area** of 90.0 m<sup>2</sup> or to an addition or expansion having a **lot coverage** of 35 m<sup>2</sup> or less: *[Bylaw 9023, Jun 17/13]*
- a) if the existing single detached housing has:

- i) four exterior walls, one wall of the new addition or expansion must be permanently attached to the entire wall face of one of the four exterior walls of the existing **single detached housing**;
  - ii) more than four exterior walls, one wall of the new addition or expansion must be permanently attached to the wall face of one of the exterior walls of the existing **single detached housing** and that attachment must be either at least 7.62 m (25 ft.) wide or 10% of the total of all exterior walls of the existing **single detached housing**, whichever is greater;
- b) the roof of the existing **single detached housing** must:
- i) extend over the new addition or expansion so as to become one continuous roof with the same pitch, slope or design if the existing **single detached housing** and the new addition or expansion have the same number of floors (e.g., both are one **storey** or both are two **storeys**);
  - ii) have a similar style pitch, slope and design if the existing **single detached housing** and the new addition or expansion have a different number of floors (e.g., one is one **storey** and the other is two **storeys**);
- c) the addition or expansion must:
- i) not be attached by a breezeway, but be integrated with the existing **single detached housing** to form one **single detached housing** unit;
  - ii) be incidental and integrated with the existing **single detached housing** so as not to externally appear or be internally laid out to be a separate unit (e.g., should add to or expand an existing **kitchen**, create a common living/family/great room or have a hallway connection with no internal doors);
- d) there must be only one door, whether an entrance door into the **dwelling** or a sliding door onto a deck or **patio**, to the **single detached housing** and the new addition or expansion facing the **road** on an **interior lot** and no additional doors facing the other **road** on a **corner lot** or a **double fronting lot**;
- e) both the primary **kitchen** and any permitted secondary **kitchen** must be located in either the existing **single detached housing** or the new addition or expansion, but not in both;
- f) there must be only one **garage** that is shared and used for both the **single detached housing** and the new addition or expansion; and
- g) the building inspector may impose additional design limitations if the effect of a proposed addition or expansion would, in the opinion of the building inspector, either give the **single detached housing** an external appearance of being two units or have the capability of being separated into two units.

17. In addition to the regulations listed above, the General Development Regulations in Section 4.0 and the Specific Use Regulations in Section 5.0 apply.