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## **Proposed Zoning Regulations**

Proposed Amendment	Required Action	Comment / Explanation
Amend ARU regulations to reflect provincial regulations	Increase the maximum permitted lot coverage for properties containing an attached / detached ARU to 45%.	O-Reg 462/24 regulates that the maximum lot coverage for lands with an ARU must be no smaller than 45%.
		Staff are proposing amendments to provide consistency and align with this legislation.
Amend the setback to a railway regulation	Include the wording "attached ARU and/or detached ARU" to the setback to a railway right-of-way regulation.	Habitable spaces are typically required to be setback a minimum distance of 30.0 m from a railway right-of-way. The proposed amendment would ensure attached and detached ARU's are included in this setback.
Permit below-grade entrances in exterior and front yards	Remove below-grade entrance regulations prohibiting this structure to be located in exterior and front yards.	The Zoning By-law currently prohibits belowgrade entrances (typically to a second unit) in an otherwise appropriate location, creating an unnecessary barrier to ARU construction.  Of the 60 CofA applications for below-grade entrances located in either an exterior or front yard, all 60 were supported by staff and subsequently all were approved by the CofA.  While this regulation has not been a major issue to date, staff note the proposed amendment will nevertheless result in a more streamlined approach and serve to remove time-consuming and costly delays.

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Amend garage-related regulations	Remove minimum garage size requirements from the Zoning By-law.	Through conservative minimum size regulations, current zoning standards often prohibit the construction of a below-grade entrance (primarily to a second unit) in an otherwise appropriate location, creating an unnecessary barrier to ARU construction.  Of the 10 CofA applications for reduced garage sizes, all 10 were supported by staff and subsequently all were approved by the CofA.  While this regulation has not been a major issue to date, staff note the proposed amendment will nevertheless result in a more streamlined approach and serve to remove time-consuming and costly delays.  Applicants will still be required to provide on-site parking in compliance with the Zoning By-law.
Remove duplex and triplex	Delete all instances of the defined term "duplex" and "triplex" from the Zoning Bylaw.  This amendment will necessitate changes to multiple sections of the Zoning By-law.	The inclusion of as-of-right ARU's has resulted in the defined terms of duplex and triplex becoming redundant.  Removal of these land uses is required to avoid confusion and zoning interpretation issues.

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Remove duplex and triplex zoning categories	Rezone the RM7 (Detached, Semidetached, Duplex and Triplex) and RM7 – Exception zones (RM7-1 to RM7-9) to new RL – Exception zones.	The proposed rezoning re-establishes the historic regulations established through the <b>RM7</b> and <b>RM7</b> – <b>Exception</b> zones to a more contemporary zoning category, required as a result of the removal of the duplex and triplex land uses.  This rezoning is primarily technical in nature as no fundamental changes to the individual zoning regulations are being proposed.  Staff do not anticipate conformity issues with this approach.
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Note: In addition to the regulations listed, other minor and technical variations to the implementing by-law may also apply, including changes that may take place before the by-law is passed by Council.