



## COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

### BYLAW No. 4549

#### A Bylaw for the Purpose of Amending Zoning Bylaw No. 3705 Applicable to Upland Portions of Electoral Area D – Cowichan Bay

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**WHEREAS** the *Local Government Act*, hereafter referred to as the "Act", as amended, empowers the Regional Board to adopt and amend zoning bylaws;

**AND WHEREAS** the Regional District has adopted a zoning bylaw for the upland portion of Electoral Area D – Cowichan Bay, that being "CVRD Electoral Area "D" Cowichan Bay Upland Zoning Bylaw No. 3705, 2013;

**AND WHEREAS** the Regional Board voted on and received the required majority vote of those present and eligible to vote at the meeting at which the vote is taken, as required by the *Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 464(4) of the *Act* requires that a public hearing not be held in respect of zoning bylaw changes to comply with Section 481(3) of the *Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board has directed that, pursuant to Section 464(2) of the *Local Government Act*, a hearing not be held because the proposed amendments are consistent with Bylaw 4270 – Official Community Plan for the Electoral Areas;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Board of Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

#### 1. CITATION

This bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as "**CVRD Bylaw No. 4549 – Electoral Area D – Cowichan Bay Upland Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Bill 44 Compliance), 2024**".

#### 2. AMENDMENTS

Bylaw No. 3705 is hereby amended as follows:

a. Section 1.4 – Definitions – is amended by deleting the following definitions:

1. Accessory
2. Building
3. Duplex
4. Dwelling
5. Dwelling, Accessory
6. Dwelling, Multiple
7. Dwelling, Semi-Detached
8. Dwelling, Single Detached
9. Kitchen
10. Personal Service
11. Principal Use

12. Secondary Suite
13. Structure

- b. Section 1.4 – Definitions – is further amended by adding the following definitions in alphabetical order:

**“Accessory”** means a use, building or structure which is incidental to, subordinate to, and exclusively devoted to a principal use, building or structure that is located on the same parcel or that is located on common property within the same strata plan as the principal use, building or structure.

**“Building”** means any structure, wholly or partially enclosed by a roof or roofs, supported by walls, columns or posts and used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

**“Dwelling, Duplex (or Duplex Dwelling)”** means a structure containing two separate self-contained dwelling units within one building that share a common wall or floor system and where each dwelling unit is occupied or intended to be occupied as the permanent home or residence of one household.

Excludes: Attached Suite; Detached Suite

**“Dwelling or Dwelling Unit”** means one or more attached habitable rooms in a building intended to be solely for residential use, that together contain or provide for the installation of:

- a) one (1) kitchen
- b) one (1) or more washrooms
- c) one (1) or more sleeping areas

Includes: One (1) Kitchenette;

Excludes (unless explicitly permitted in this Bylaw): Temporary Accommodation; Tourist Accommodation; a room in a Hotel or Motel; recreational vehicle; a live-aboard vessel or float home.

**“Dwelling, Multi-Unit (or Multi-Unit Dwelling)”** means a building or cluster of buildings consisting of three or more dwelling units, where each dwelling unit is occupied or intended to be occupied as the permanent home or residence of one household.

Includes: Seniors’ Congregate Housing

Excludes: tourist accommodation unless explicitly permitted in this Bylaw, a room in a Hotel or Motel; Attached Suite; Detached Suite

**“Dwelling, Single Detached (or Single Detached Dwelling)”** means a detached building consisting of one dwelling unit, where it is occupied or intended to be occupied as the permanent home or residence of one household.

Includes: Attached suite in accordance with Section 2.1.9(b) of this Bylaw.

**“Kitchen”** means any area in a building that is equipped with any of the following:

- a) Any equipment, device or appliance used to heat or cook food;
- b) Services for energy supply to any equipment, device or appliance used to heat or cook food;
- c) Services for plumbing associated with food preparation or cleaning;
- d) Services for ventilation associated with any equipment, device or appliance used to heat or cook food; or
- e) Food storage and preparation areas such as pantries, cupboards, cabinets and

counter tops.  
Excludes: Kitchenette

**“Kitchenette”** means any portion of a room used for the preparation of beverages and limited meals and may contain a raised counter and one (1) sink, fridge, microwave, and coffeemaker.  
Excludes: Kitchen

**“Personal Service”** means use of a building to provide direct professional goods or services an individual which are related to the care and appearance of the body or the cleaning and repair of personal effects.  
Includes: Uses such as (but not limited to) barber shop, hair salon, tailor, tattoo parlour, shoe repair shop, photographer’s studio, picture framing shop, manicurists, fitness studio, dry cleaning establishments; Accessory retail sales of goods, wares, personal merchandise, articles or things accessory to the provision of such services.  
Excludes: Cannabis retail sales

**“Principal (or Principal Use)”** means the primary purpose for which land, buildings or structures are ordinarily used, or designed to be used.

**“Seniors’ Congregate Housing”** means a residential or institutional facility which provides sleeping units or dwelling units for persons aged 65 or older, one or more meals per day and housekeeping services, contains a common dining area with a capacity sufficient to accommodate all residents of the residential facility,  
Includes: Accessory personal service; Accessory convenience store

**“Structure”** means anything that is fixed to, or supported by, or sunk into land or water.

Includes (but is not limited to): swimming pools; fences; signs; and tanks.  
Excludes: areas of hard surfacing such as concrete, brick or unit pavers, turfstone, asphalt or similar materials; soft landscaping unless otherwise noted in this Bylaw

**“Suite, Attached”** means one dwelling unit conforming to Section 2.1.9(b) of this Bylaw;

**“Suite, Detached”** means one dwelling unit conforming to Section 2.1.9(a) of this Bylaw;

- c. All occurrences of the phrase “Dwelling, Multiple” are replaced with “Dwelling, Multi-Unit”.
- d. All occurrences of the phrase “semi-detached” are replaced with “Dwelling, Duplex”.
- e. Section 2.1.9 – Accessory Dwellings and Secondary Suites – is amended by:
  - i. renaming it to “Attached Suites and Detached Suites”;
  - ii. deleting Subsection 2.1.9(a) i) and v) and then relabelling the remaining subsections as i) through iv) accordingly;
  - iii. deleting Subsection 2.1.9(b) i), iv), and iv) and relabelling all subsections as i) through iv) accordingly.
- f. All remaining occurrences of the phrase “secondary suite” throughout this Bylaw are deleted and replaced with “Attached Suite”.
- g. All remaining occurrences of the phrase “accessory dwelling” throughout this Bylaw are deleted and replaced with “Detached Suite”.
- h. Section 2.5.6 is retitled “Section 514 Subdivision to Provide a Residence for a Relative” and

the reference to “Section 946” in the regulation is changed to “Section 514”.

- i. Throughout the Bylaw, all occurrences of the phrase “Semi-Detached Dwelling” are deleted and replaced by “Duplex”.
- j. Section 4.1.1 – Accessory Uses – Sections (a) through (f) are relabelled as (d) through (i) respectively; and the accessory use relabelled as (i) is deleted and replaced by the following:
  - (i) Attached Suite or Detached Suite.
- k. Section 4.1.2 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Residential use is limited to one single detached dwelling and one attached suite or detached suite per parcel.
- l. Section 4.2.1(f) – Accessory Uses – is deleted and replaced with the following:
  - (f) Attached Suite or Detached Suite.
- m. Section 4.2.2 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Residential use is limited to one single detached dwelling and one attached suite or detached suite per parcel.
- n. Section 4.3.1(i) – Accessory Uses – is deleted and replaced with the following:
  - (i) Attached Suite or Detached Suite.
- o. Section 4.3.2 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Residential use is limited to one single detached dwelling and one attached suite or detached suite per parcel.
- p. Section 4.5.1(j) – Accessory Uses – is deleted and replaced with the following:
  - (j) Attached Suite or Detached Suite.
- q. Section 4.5.2 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Residential use is limited to one single detached dwelling and one attached suite or detached suite per parcel.
- r. Section 5.6.1 is amended by adding the following after (d):
  - (e) one Attached Suite or Detached Suite accessory to a single detached dwelling.
- s. Section 5.6.2 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Residential use is limited to either one single detached dwelling – plus either one Attached Suite or one Detached Suite – or one Duplex per parcel.
- t. Section 5.8.1 is amended by adding the following after (d):
  - (e) one Detached Suite or one Attached Suite accessory to a single detached dwelling.

u. Section 5.8.2 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Residential use is limited to either one single detached dwelling – plus either one Attached Suite or one Detached Suite – or one Duplex per parcel.

**3. FORCE AND EFFECT**

This bylaw shall take effect upon its adoption by the Regional Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE GIVEN in ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT this	_____	day of _____,	_____.	2024 and
	_____	day of _____,	_____.	2024.
READ A FIRST TIME this	_____	day of _____,	_____.	2024.
READ A SECOND TIME this	_____	day of _____,	_____.	2024.
READ A THIRD TIME this	_____	day of _____,	_____.	2024.
RECEIVED MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE APPROVAL	_____	day of _____,	_____.	2024.
ADOPTED this	_____	day of _____,	_____.	2024.

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Chair

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Corporate Officer