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**Bill No.**

**CITY OF HAMILTON**

**BY-LAW NO.**

**To Amend Zoning By-law 3581-86 Respecting Modifications and Updates to  
Secondary Dwelling Unit and Secondary Dwelling Unit-Detached Regulations**

**WHEREAS** the *City of Hamilton Act 1999*, Statutes of Ontario, 1999 Chap.14, Sch. C. did incorporate, as of January 1, 2001, the municipality "City of Hamilton";

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Hamilton is the successor to certain area municipalities, including the former area municipality known as "The Corporation of the Town of Dundas" and is the successor to the former Regional Municipality, namely, The Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Hamilton Act, 1999, provides that the Zoning By-laws and Official Plans of the former area municipalities and the Official Plan of the former regional municipality continue in force in the City of Hamilton until subsequently amended or repealed by the Council of the City of Hamilton;

**AND WHEREAS** Zoning By-law No. 3581-86 (Dundas) was enacted on the 22nd day of May 1986, and approved by the Ontario Municipal Board on the 10th day of May, 1988

**AND WHEREAS** Council, in approving Item of Report of the Planning Committee, at its meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, recommended that Zoning By-law No. 3581-86 (Dundas) be amended as hereinafter provided;

**AND WHEREAS** this By-law is in conformity with the Urban Hamilton Official Plan;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the City of Hamilton amends Zoning By-law No. 3581-86 (Dundas) as follows:

1. That SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS, be amended by adding the following definitions:

**"3.2.28.1 SECONDARY DWELLING UNIT**

Means a separate and self-contained Dwelling Unit that is accessory to and located within the principal dwelling.

3.2.28.2 **SECONDARY DWELLING UNIT – DETACHED**

Means a separate and self-contained detached Dwelling Unit that is accessory to and located on the same lot as the principal dwelling.”

2. That Section 6: GENERAL REGULATIONS, be amended by adding a clause to Subsection 6.2.1 ii) as follows:

“6.2.1 ii) a) For the purposes of Section 6.31, a Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached, shall not be considered an accessory building or structure.”

3. That Section 6: GENERAL REGULATIONS, be amended by deleting Section 6.31 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

**“6.31 SECONDARY DWELLING UNIT AND SECONDARY DWELLING UNIT – DETACHED**

- i) Parking shall be provided in accordance with Section 7 of this by-law and the following:
  - a) No additional parking space shall be required for either a Secondary Dwelling Unit or a Secondary Dwelling Unit - Detached, provided the required parking spaces which existed on May 12, 2021 for the existing dwelling shall continue to be provided and maintained;
  - b) Notwithstanding Section 7.1.1, a maximum of two parking spaces for a Secondary Dwelling Unit and/or Secondary Dwelling Unit Detached, may be provided in the required Front Yard; and,
  - c) In addition to Section 6.11.3, parking for a Secondary Dwelling Unit and/or Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached shall maintain a minimum of 50% landscaped area in the exterior Side Yard.

**6.31.1 Secondary Dwelling Unit**

- i) For lands within a R1, R2, R3, R3A, R4, R6, RM1, R.C.C., and RH-1 Zone, a maximum of one Secondary Dwelling Unit shall be permitted on a lot containing a Single Detached Dwelling, a Semi-Detached Dwelling, or a Street Townhouse Dwelling on a divided or undivided lot and shall not result in a change to the defined dwelling type on the lot.

- ii) All the regulations of this By-law applicable to the existing dwelling shall continue to apply unless specifically provided in Section 6.31.1.
- iii) There shall be no outside stairway above the first floor other than a required exterior exit.
- iv) A maximum of one entrance shall be permitted on the front façade of a dwelling containing a Secondary Dwelling Unit.
- v) Notwithstanding the R1, R2, R3, R4 Zones, the R.C.C. Zone, and the RH-1 Zone, where an Accessory Apartment in a Dwelling Converted is permitted, a Building Permit for a Secondary Dwelling Unit may be issued in accordance with any minor variance, site specific zoning, site plan that has been approved or conditionally approved by the City of Hamilton or the Ontario Land Tribunal as it read on the day before By-law No. 21-073 was passed by Council, provided the Building Permit application complies with Zoning By-law No. 3581-86, as amended, that affected the lot before By-law No. 21-073 came into effect. For the purposes of determining zoning conformity the following provisions shall apply:
  - a) This By-law is deemed to be modified to the extent necessary to permit a building or structure that is erected in accordance with Section 6.31.1 v).
  - b) Once the permit or approval under Section 6.31.1 v), has been granted, the provisions of this By-law apply in all other respects to the land in question.

**6.31.2 Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached**

- i) For lands within a R1, R2, R3, R3A, R4, R6, RM1, R.C.C., and RH-1 Zone, a maximum of one Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached shall be permitted on a lot containing a Single Detached Dwelling, a Semi-Detached Dwelling, or a Street Townhouse Dwelling.
- ii) In addition to Section 6.31.2, a legally established accessory building existing as of May 12, 2021, may be converted to the one Secondary Dwelling Unit - Detached permitted on a lot containing an existing Single Detached Dwelling, Semi-Detached Dwelling, or Street Townhouse Dwelling subject to the following provision:

- a) Any additions over 10% of the existing gross floor area of the legally established accessory building converted to a Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached shall be in accordance with the regulations of Section 6.31.2
- iii) All the regulations of this By-law applicable to the existing dwelling shall continue to apply unless specifically provided in Section 6.31.2.
- iv) A Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached shall only be permitted in a Rear and/or interior Side Yard.
- v) Notwithstanding Section 6.18, for a Through Lot, the Rear Yard shall be established in accordance with Section 3.2.56.
- vi) A minimum 1.2 metre setback shall be provided from the interior Side Lot Line and Rear Lot Line.
  - a) Notwithstanding Section 6.31.2 vi), an eave or a gutter may extend a maximum of 30 centimetres into a required minimum setback area.
  - b) In addition to Section 6.31.2 vi) a landscape strip is required to be provided within the required side yard adjacent to a Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached and shall be limited to sod, ground cover, or permeable pavers.
- vii) A Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached shall not be located closer to the flankage street than the principal dwelling.
- viii) An unobstructed path with a minimum 1.0 metre width and minimum 2.1 metre clearance in height from a street line to the entrance of the Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached shall be provided and maintained.
- ix) The following building separation shall be provided:
  - a) Where a Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached is located in the Rear Yard, a minimum distance of 7.5 metres shall be required between the rear wall of the principal dwelling and the Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached.
  - b) Where a Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached is located in an Interior Side Yard, the following is required:
    - (A) A minimum distance of 4.0 metres shall be provided between the side wall of the principal dwelling and a Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached; and,

- (B) A Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached shall be set back a minimum 5.0 metres from the front façade of the principal dwelling.
- x) A maximum height of 6.0 metres shall be permitted.
    - a) Notwithstanding Section 6.31.2 x), balconies and rooftop patios shall be prohibited above the first floor level.
  - xi) The maximum gross floor area shall not exceed the lesser of 75 square metres or the gross floor area of the principal dwelling.
    - a) Notwithstanding Section 6.31.2 xi), the maximum combined lot coverage of all accessory buildings and the Secondary Dwelling Unit - Detached shall be 25%.
  - xii) A minimum landscaped area of 12.0 square metres shall be provided and maintained within the Rear Yard.”
- 4. That Section 7: OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING, be amended by modifying Subsection 7.9.2 by adding “, permeable pavers,” after “A gravel or similar surface”;
- 5. That Subsections 8.8.1, 9.8.1, 10.10.1, 10A.6.1, 11.12, 11A.7.1, 12.9.1, 15A.11.1, and 15B.5.1 be amended by deleting “Section 4.33” from the end of the sentence and replacing it with “Section 6.31”;
- 6. That Section 11 : LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE (R4), be amended as follows:
  - i) By deleting “up to a maximum of three separate dwelling units.” from the end of the PURPOSE paragraph;
  - ii) By modifying Section 11.1.4 so that it reads: “CONVERSIONS TO THREE SEPARATE DWELLING UNITS”;
  - iii) By modifying Section 11.5 so that it reads: “REGULATIONS FOR CONVERSIONS TO THREE (3) SEPARATE DWELLING UNITS”.
  - iv) By deleting Subsection 11.5.6 and replacing it with the following:
    - “11.5.6        OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING
    - 11.5.6.1        No parking spaces shall be required, provided the required parking spaces which existed on XX, 2022 for the existing dwelling shall continue to be provided and maintained.

- i) Notwithstanding 11.5.6.1, on a lot containing a Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached, one parking space shall be required for the third Dwelling Unit of a conversion.”

v) By deleting Subsection 11.12 and replacing it with the following:

“11.12            REGULATIONS FOR A SECONDARY DWELLING UNIT

11.12.1        Shall comply with the provisions of Section 6.31.

- i) In addition to Section 6.31, one parking space shall be required for a Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached if it constitutes the fourth Dwelling Unit on a lot.”

7. That Section 13 : MEDIUM DENSITY MULTIPLE DWELLING ZONE (RM2), be amended by deleting Subsection 13.3.6 and replacing it with the following:

“13.3.6            OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

13.3.6.1        One parking space shall be required for the fourth Dwelling Unit, provided the required parking spaces which existed on XX, 2022 for the existing dwelling, shall continue to be provided and maintained.

8. That Section 15A: RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONVERSION ZONE (R.C.C.), be amended as follows:

- i) By modifying Subsection 15A.1.4 so that it reads: “CONVERSIONS GREATER THAN TWO UP TO A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) SEPARATE DWELLING UNITS”;
- ii) By modifying Subsection 15A.5 so that it reads: “REGULATIONS FOR CONVERSIONS, GREATER THAN TWO UP TO A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) SPEARATE DWELLING UNITS”;
- iii) By deleting Subsection 15A.5.6 and replacing it with the following:

“15A.5.6            OFF STREET PARKING AND LOADING

15A.5.6.1        One parking space shall be required for the fourth Dwelling Unit of a conversion, provided the required parking spaces which existed on XX, 2022 for the existing dwelling shall continue to be provided and maintained

- i) In addition to 15A.5.6.1, on a lot containing a Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached, one parking space shall be required for the third Dwelling Unit of a conversion."
  - iv) By modifying Subsection 15.A.5 by adding a new Subsection as follows:
    - "15A.5.7      DWELLING UNITS ON A LOT  
  
In conjunction with Section 15A.11 – Regulations for a Secondary Dwelling Unit, no more than four Dwelling Units shall be permitted on a lot."
  - v) By deleting Subsection 15A.11 and replacing it with the following:
    - "15A.11      REGULATIONS FOR A SECONDARY DWELLING UNIT  
  
15A.11.1      Shall comply with the provisions of Section 6.31.
      - i) In addition to the regulations of Section 6.31, one parking space shall be required for a Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached if it constitutes the fourth Dwelling Unit on a lot."
- 9. That Section 15B: SINGLE DETACHED RESIDENTIAL ZONE: CROSS-MELVILLE HERITAGE DISTRICT (RH-1) be amended as follows:
  - i) By renumbering Subsection 15B2.2.2: REAR YARD, to Subsection 15B2.2.3.
  - ii) By renumber the subsections to Section 15B.3: REGULATIONS FOR BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS IN AN EXISTING SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING, from Subsection 15B.5.1 – 15B.5.3 to Subsection 15B.3.1 – 15B.3.3.
- 10. That the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the giving of notice of the passing of this By-law in accordance with the *Planning Act*.
- 11. That for the purposes of the Ontario Building Code, this By-law or any part of it is not made until it has come into force as provided by Section 34 of the *Planning Act*.
- 12. That this By-law comes into force in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*.

**PASSED** this \_\_\_\_\_ , 2022

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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