

ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL 2 (ER-2) ZONE

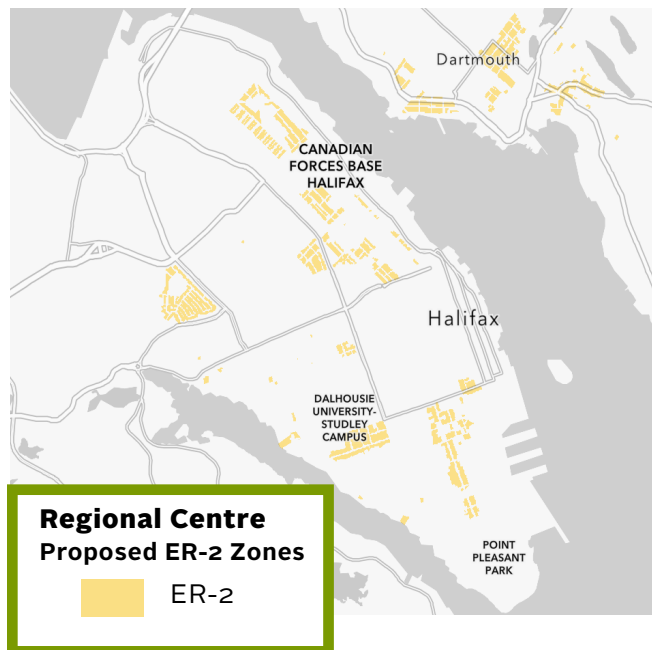
What is the proposed ER-2 Zone?

The proposed ER-2 Zone will apply to some registered heritage properties and proposed [Heritage Conservation Districts](#).

The proposed ER-2 Zone aims to incentivize the retention of existing built form by allowing more units through internal conversions and rear additions than through new construction.

The proposed ER-2 Zone will not permit as much density through new construction as the proposed ER-3 Zone, but it will allow a greater range of housing types compared to the current ER-1 and ER-2 Zones.

Exact proposed ER-2 Zone locations are mapped in [Attachment C-2 of the Staff Report](#). To see all proposed changes to zoning within the Regional Centre, please visit the **interactive map**.



What uses will be permitted in the proposed ER-2 Zone?

Residential uses:

The proposed ER-2 Zone will allow single-unit dwellings and two-unit dwellings plus one backyard suite and small shared housing uses. Rear additions and internal conversions will be permitted with no limit on units.

Residential accessory uses:

Urban agriculture, home occupations, backyard and secondary suites, and other uses accessory to residential uses will still be permitted in the ER-2 Zone. Local commercial uses will still be able to be considered by development agreement.

How will the amendments change what is currently allowed in the ER-2 Zone?

More Gentle Density. The current ER-2 Zone allows 2 dwelling units plus 1 accessory dwelling unit per lot as-of-right. The proposed ER-2 Zone will not have a unit maximum if the existing built form is retained (subject to meeting built form and building code requirements). Small shared housing uses will permit up to 10 bedrooms.

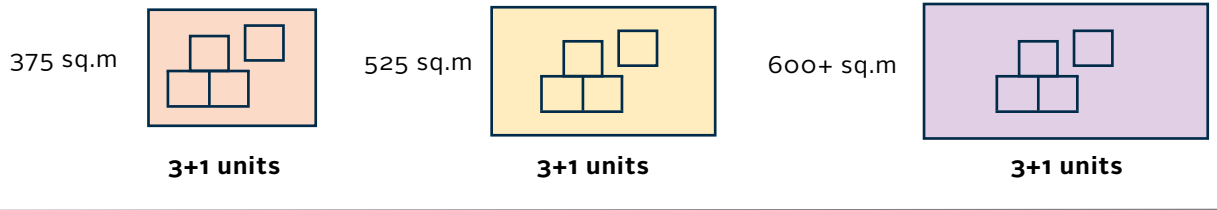
More Diverse Housing Types. The proposed ER-2 Zone will include all currently permitted building types as well as rear additions and internal conversions.

Built Form Requirements. Development will continue to be subject to requirements such as maximum height (8 – 11 metres), minimum setbacks, and lot coverage.

DENSITY IN THE PROPOSED ER-3 ZONE

How many dwelling units are currently permitted in the ER-3 Zone?

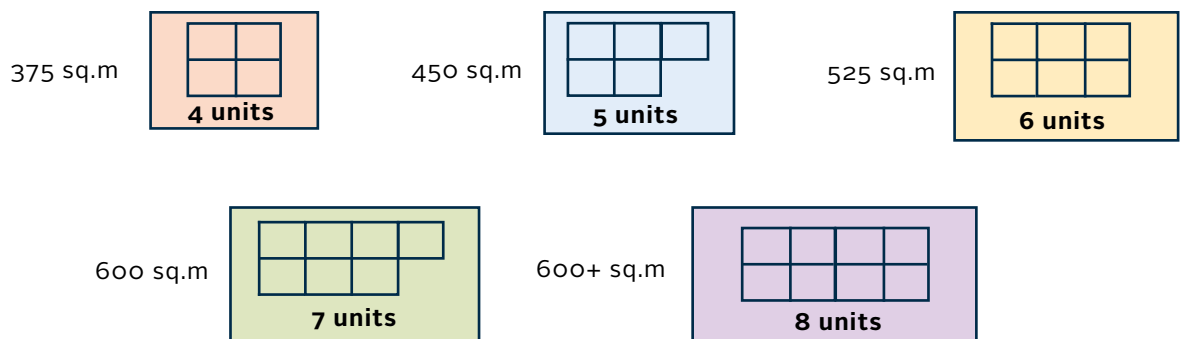
Currently, the number of dwelling units permitted on a lot in the ER-3 Zone is limited to 3 dwelling units + 1 accessory unit (a backyard suite or secondary suite) as-of-right, no matter the lot size. Buildings must meet all other built form requirements, such as setbacks, lot coverage, height maximums, etc.



Example: regardless of the lot size, the ER-3 Zone currently permits a maximum of 3+1 units per lot.

How many dwelling units will be permitted in the proposed ER-3 Zone?

The proposed ER-3 Zone will permit at least 4 units on any lot and will allow up to 8 additional units as-of-right based on the size of the lot (see chart below). Like the current ER-3 Zone, buildings will still need to meet setbacks, lot coverage, height maximums and other built form requirements.



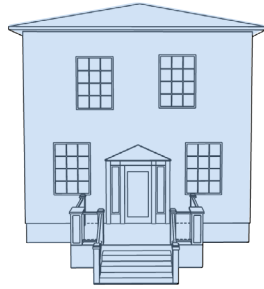
Example: based on lot size, the proposed ER-3 Zone will permit up to 8 units per lot.

How many dwelling units will I be permitted on my lot?

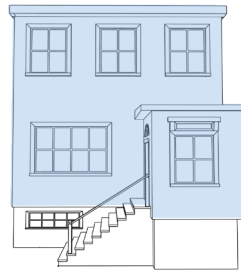
If your lot size is:	≤ 375 sq.m	375 - 450 sq.m	450 - 525 sq.m	525 - 600 sq.m	≥ 600 sq.m
	less than 375 square metres	at least 375 square metres but less than 450 square metres	at least 450 square metres but less than 525 square metres	at least 525 square metres but less than 600 square metres	greater than 600 square metres
You can have up to:	4 dwelling units per lot + backyard suite	5 dwelling units per lot	6 dwelling units per lot	7 dwelling units per lot	8 dwelling units per lot

PERMITTED BUILDING TYPES IN THE PROPOSED ER-3 ZONE

What building types are currently permitted in the ER-3 Zone?



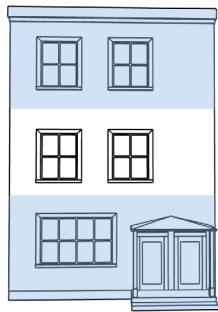
single-unit dwellings



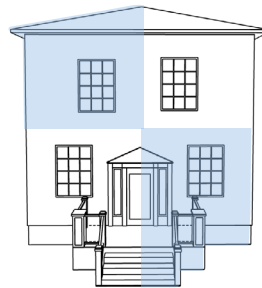
two-unit dwellings



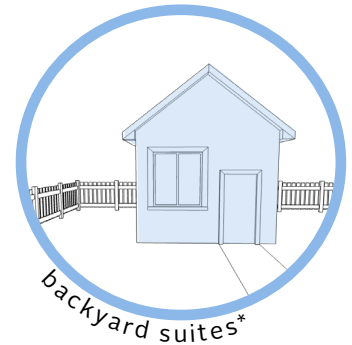
semi-detached dwellings



three-unit dwellings



internal conversion



backyard suites*

*accessory to a single, two, three or four-unit dwelling, semi-detached dwelling or townhouse dwelling

What additional housing types will be permitted in the proposed ER-3 Zone?



four-unit dwellings



small multi-unit dwellings (up to 8 units)



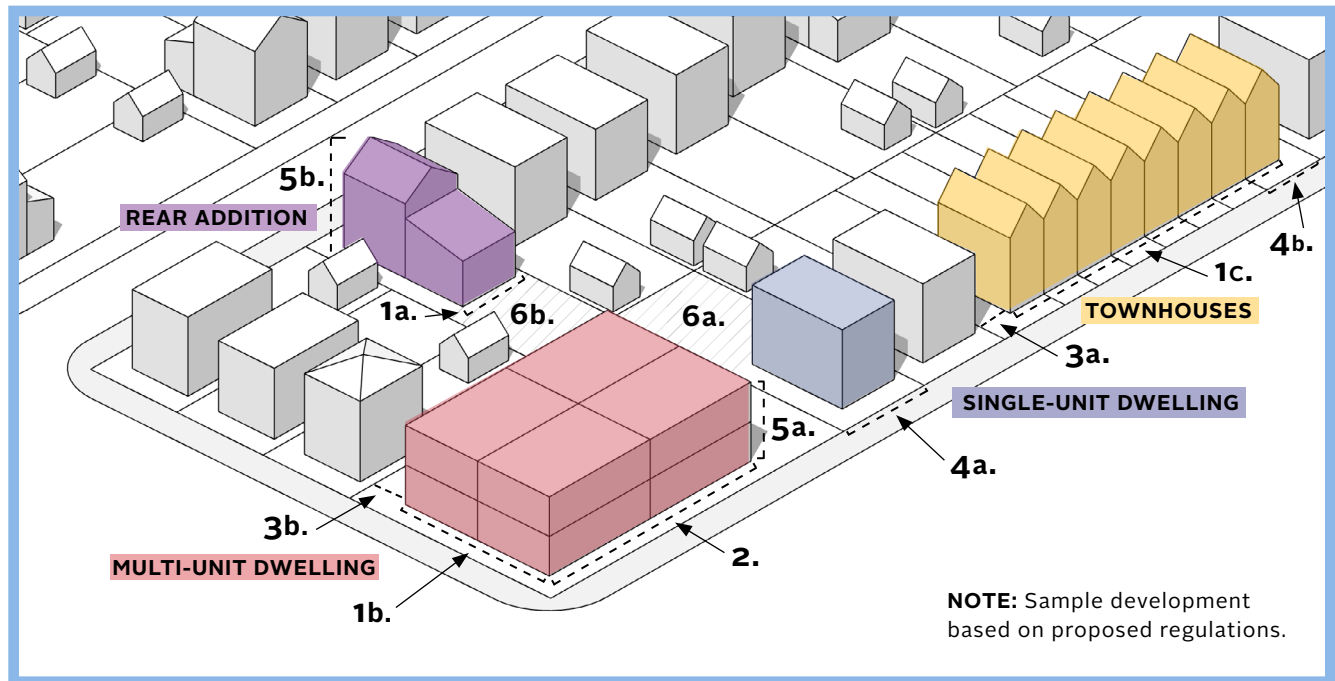
townhouse dwellings (up to 8 units)

BUILT FORM REQUIREMENTS IN THE PROPOSED ER-3 ZONE

What is a built form requirement?

Built form requirements place controls on new development so that buildings are consistent in scale and align with neighbouring sites on the block. These regulations are important because they encourage pedestrian friendly and human-scale design, promote development at a compatible scale with the neighbourhood and manage shadow and wind impacts.

The proposed ER-3 zone will introduce some **new built form requirements** in order to strengthen regulations around new development. It will also preserve many of the current built form controls in the ER-3 zone, such as setbacks and height maximums.



1: BUILDING WIDTH

- a. **REAR ADDITION:** May not exceed the width or footprint of the main dwelling
- b. **SINGLE, TWO, THREE & FOUR-UNIT AND MULTI-UNIT (5+) DWELLINGS:** 20 metres
- c. **TOWNHOUSES:** 64 metres

2: BUILDING DEPTH

30 metres

3: SETBACKS

- MAX. FRONT/FLANKING:** see [Schedule 19](#), with some small changes in [Attachment C-2](#)
- MIN. FRONT/FLANKING:** see [Schedule 18](#), with some small changes in [Attachment C-2](#)
- MIN. SIDE:**
 - a. 3 metres for townhouse dwellings (end units)
 - b. 1.25 metres elsewhere

4: LOT FRONTAGE

- a. **SINGLE, TWO, THREE & FOUR-UNIT AND MULTI-UNIT (5+) DWELLINGS:** 10.7 metres
- b. **TOWNHOUSES:** 4.5 metres for interior units; 7.5 metres for end units

5: MAXIMUM HEIGHT

- a. 11 metres
- b. **PITCHED ROOF EXEMPTION:** additional 3 metres

NOTE: there may be some variation in ER Special Areas

6: LOT COVERAGE

- a. **SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING:** 40%
- b. **OTHER USES:** 50% if a lot is larger than 325 square metres; 60% if a lot is 325 square metres or smaller

DESIGN REQUIREMENTS IN THE PROPOSED ER-3 ZONE

What is a design requirement?

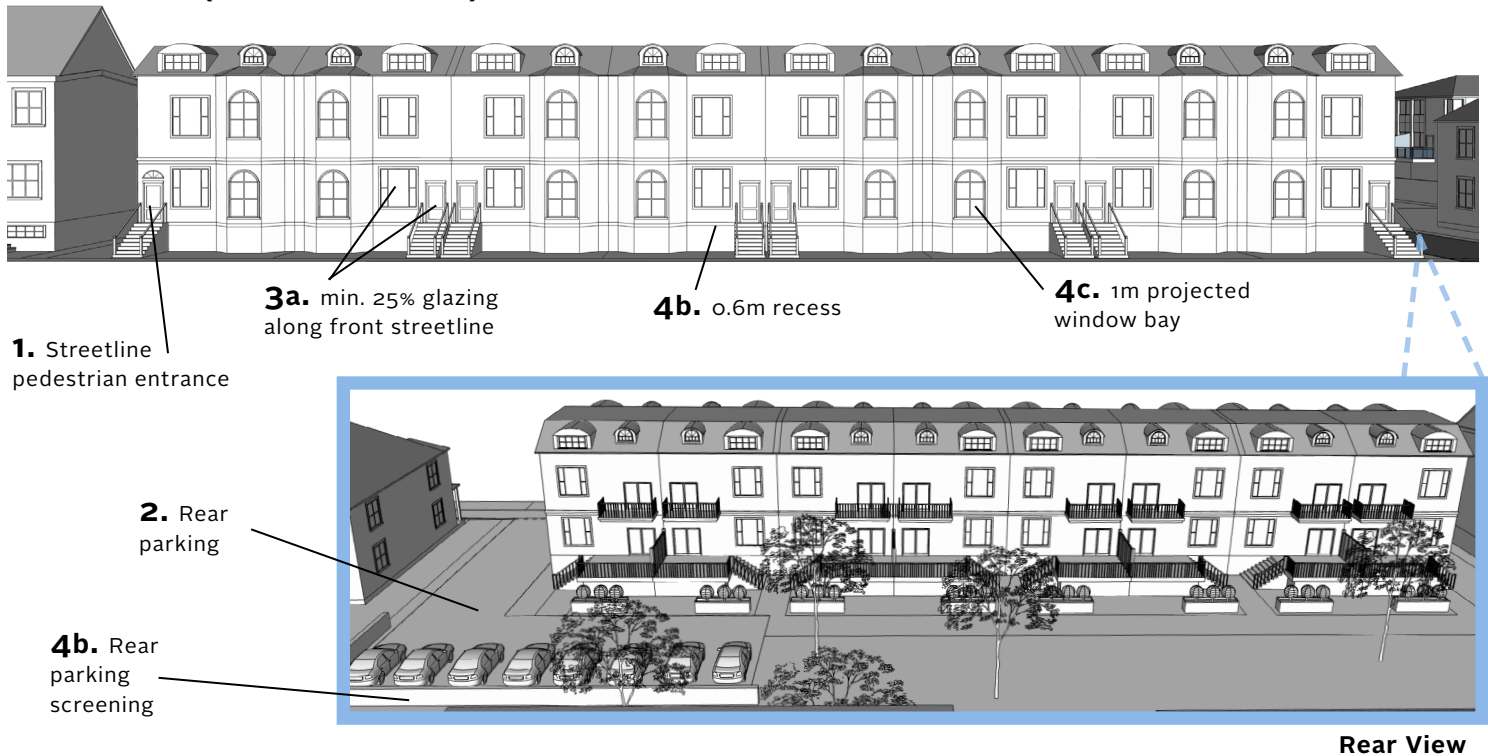
- Like built form controls, **design requirements** encourage pedestrian friendly environments that are welcoming and street-oriented. Design requirements also ensure that new development complements the existing neighbourhood scale and local design style.
- The proposed ER-3 regulations will introduce design requirements for higher density buildings (i.e. multi-unit dwellings and townhouse dwellings). For more details, please see the **ER-3 Design Requirement Guidelines** chart below. You can find models illustrating the ER-3 multi-unit and townhouse dwellings design requirements on the following page.

ER-3 Design Requirement Guidelines

1: ENTRANCES	At least one exterior pedestrian entrance is required on a streetwall.
2: REAR PARKING	No parking is permitted in the front yard of a townhouse or multi-unit dwelling.
3: WINDOWS	<p>a. for a streetwall along a front lot line - at least 25% of the length must consist of clear glass glazing;</p> <p>b. for a streetwall along a flanking lot line - at least 15% of the length must consist of clear glass glazing</p>
4: ARTICULATION	<p>Multi-unit buildings wider than 10.0 metres must have at least two of these features:</p> <p>a. at least one balcony is provided facing the front lot line for each storey above the ground floor;</p> <p>b. at least 20% of the building facing a front lot line is recessed by an additional 0.6 metres from the rest of the streetwall;</p> <p>c. a window bay that projects 1 metre towards the street;</p> <p>d. a covered porch with an area of at least 2 square metres is provided on the ground floor facing a front lot line.</p>
5: SCREENING	<p>a. Outdoors solid waste management areas must be located in the side or rear yard of a four-unit dwelling or multi-unit dwelling and cannot be within 3.5 metres of a lot line shared with another residential lot. The outdoor solid waste management area must be enclosed by an opaque fence or a masonry wall at least 1.8 metres in height.</p> <p>b. Parking lots that are accessory to residential uses must be enclosed by a hedge, an opaque fence or a masonry wall at least 1.8 metres in height.</p>

DESIGN REQUIREMENTS IN THE PROPOSED ER-3 ZONE

Townhouse Dwellings (located on one lot)



Multi-unit Dwelling

