

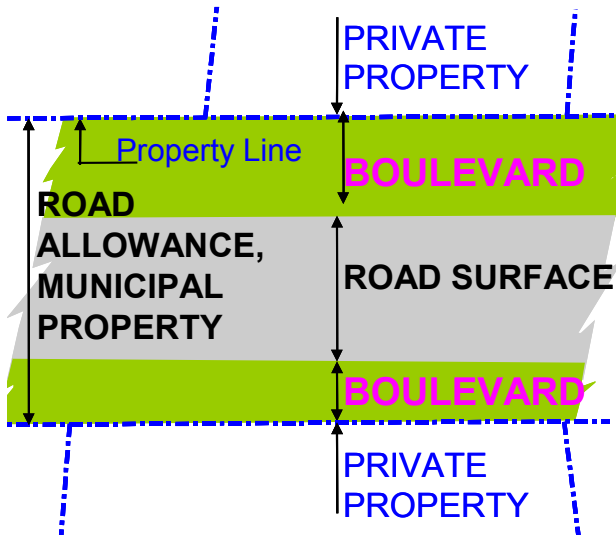
# BOULEVARDS

## GUIDELINES FOR NEW ENCROACHMENTS

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| <b>NO PERMIT REQUIRED</b> | <b>You may install the following <i>anywhere</i> in the boulevard:</b>  |
|                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lawns, flowers, ground covers, low shrubs: <i>less than 0.6 metres in mature height</i></li> <li>• removable canopies attached to commercial buildings</li> </ul>  |
|                           | <b>You may install the following if they are more than <b>2 metres</b> from the travelled road surface:</b>   |
|                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• access steps that are part of a sidewalk</li> <li>• a very low berm: <i>less than 0.6 metres from adjacent ground</i></li> </ul>   |
| <b>NO PERMIT REQUIRED</b> | <b>You may install the following if they are more than <b>3 metres</b> from the travelled road surface:</b>   |
|                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a hedge or shrub: <i>measured to the trunk of the hedge or shrub, as long as foliage doesn't grow closer than 2 metres</i></li> <li>• a street tree, if you have obtained permission from the District Arborist</li> <li>• rocks or similar landscape features under 0.6 metres</li> </ul>   |
|                           | <b>With a permit, you may install the following things <i>anywhere</i> in the boulevard:</b>  |
|                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one parking space per property: maximum width of 2.7 metres and 7 metres in length and no curb</li> <li>• retaining walls, if part of a driveway: <i>wall requirements: 2:1 ratio (horizontal to vertical), retaining walls over 4 feet require a building permit</i></li> </ul>   |
| <b>A PERMIT REQUIRED</b>  | <b>You may install the following, if they are more than <b>2 metres</b> from the travelled road surface:</b>  |
|                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rocks and similar landscape features spaced intermittently up to 1.2 metres high</li> <li>• a landscaped berm, between 0.6 and 1.2 metres in height</li> <li>• mailbox and address pillars up to 1.5 metres in height and 0.6 metres in width</li> </ul>   |
|                           | <b>You may install the following, if they are more than <b>3 metres</b> from the travelled road surface:</b>  |
|                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• heating coils in driveways</li> <li>• underground irrigation systems</li> </ul>  |
| <b>NO PERMIT ISSUED</b>   | <b>What cannot be issued a permit? The following would require Council approval or a design change:</b>   |
|                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• anything not listed above, such as a driveway gate or columns or fences</li> <li>• any private structure that would also require a Licence to Occupy and annual fee such as a garage, carport, pool, tennis court, gazebo, deck</li> <li>• anything that would be closer to the street or exceed the height of the noted guidelines (this would typically be considered for sites with features such as rock outcroppings or creeks)</li> <li>• anything in a boulevard adjacent to the waterfront, including planting of grass</li> <li>• almost anything in Altamont other than landscaping (hard encroachments, including treatments such as brick pavers in the boulevard, are discouraged by Council policy)</li> <li>• anything that would potentially cause a sight line issue, interfere with municipal services, or not fit in with the established character of your street</li> </ul> |

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...to create and conserve attractive, safe streets and boulevards with a diversity of landscaping in keeping with the local streetscape and surrounding neighbourhood qualities...



West Vancouver residents have a tradition of creating landscaped boulevards that enhance their neighbourhood qualities. In appreciation of this heritage, Council has adopted the Boulevard Bylaw which is intended to protect and improve the treatment of our boulevards. You, as a property owner, are responsible for the care and maintenance of the boulevard adjacent to your property—the strip of land separating the edge of the road from your property line.

This brochure describes municipal requirements for any changes you may wish to undertake within the boulevard. While landscaping and maintenance of our boulevards are encouraged, we also need to ensure that anything that is placed (or grows) within the boulevard does not affect municipal services, reduce public safety or restrict public access.



## THINGS YOU MUST AVOID

Anything that you place within a boulevard must not:

- create a hazard, nuisance, danger or obstruction to the public
- remove on-street parking needs
- obstruct sightlines necessary for traffic safety
- impede or obstruct access, damage or unsafely expose utilities/services
- be adjacent to a waterfront street end

## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

To apply for an encroachment permit or obtain more information, contact **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:**  
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