

District of West Vancouver  
**POLICY**

Title: Interim Non-Medical Cannabis Retail  
Division: Planning & Development Services  
Policy Number: 0137  
File Number: 0282-20-0137

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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. To establish an interim non-medical cannabis retail policy to guide the location and geographical distribution of retail cannabis uses.

## 2. Scope

- 2.1. The District of West Vancouver.

## 3. Definitions

- 3.1. **Cannabis** as defined in the Cannabis Act and includes any products containing cannabis.
- 3.2. **Cannabis** retail means the use of land, buildings or structures for storing, distributing, dispensing, trading or selling of Cannabis, but does not include sales by a British Columbia Registered Pharmacist in a British Columbia regulated pharmacy.
- 3.3. **Sensitive use** means a land use including a public or private elementary or high schools.
- 3.4. **Buffer** means the distance in metres that separates the property line of a recreational retail cannabis use to the property line of a sensitive use.


## 4. Policy Statement

- 4.1. Policies for evaluating a rezoning or temporary use permit application for retail cannabis use will include the following locational criteria and guidelines:
  - 4.1.1. Retail cannabis uses may not be located within a 100 metre buffer from sensitive uses.
  - 4.1.2. A retail cannabis business may have a maximum 8 metre store frontage.
  - 4.1.3. A maximum of 1 store in each of the following town centres/commercial nodes: Ambleside Village Centre, Horseshoe Bay Village Centre, Dundarave Village Centre and Marine Drive Local Area Plan.

## 5. Authority

- 5.1. The legislative framework of the Province of British Columbia, including the *Community Charter*, *Local Government Act*, and the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act*, provides the basis upon which the District may regulate certain locational aspects of recreational cannabis retail businesses, as well as procedures for assessing and approving business proposals.

## 6. Approval

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## 7. Additional Information

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