

District of West Vancouver
POLICY

Title: Cannabis Retail
Division: Planning & Development Services
Policy Number: 0179
File Number: 0282-20-0179

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To guide the location and geographical distribution of cannabis retail.

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. The following locational criteria and guidelines will be used for evaluating a rezoning or temporary use permit application for cannabis retail:
 - 4.1.1. Cannabis retail uses may not be located within a 100 metre buffer from Sensitive uses.
 - 4.1.2. A cannabis retail 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, Marine Drive Local Area Plan Commercial Area, and Cypress Village Commercial Area.

5. Authority

- 5.1. The legislative framework of the Province of British Columbia, including the *Community Charter*, the *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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Related procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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