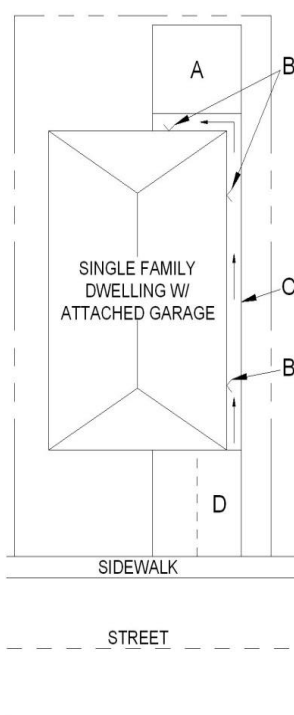


Bulletin: Secondary Suite

Within New/Unfinished Single-Family Dwellings

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A. 30 m² Private Open Space
B. Lights for Pathway
C. Pathway to Suite
D. Designated Suite Parking

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Requirements

1. A *Secondary Suite* is an additional dwelling unit that has been issued an *Occupancy Permit*, located within a residential building that has a total floor space of no more than 90m² in area, having a floor space less than 40% of the total habitable floor space of that building, and is subordinate to the principal dwelling unit and is a single real estate entity. (Zoning Bylaw)
2. Not more than one secondary suite is permitted in a single-family residence.
3. A building permit is required for the creation of a secondary suite. The cost of the permit is \$510.00 exclusive of construction value.
4. A \$300 sewer development fee applies that will be charged at building permit application and collected prior to issuance.
5. It is the owner's responsibility to contact their local water district and Fortis BC prior to construction of a secondary suite to determine if any additional utility costs may be applicable.
6. Secondary suite off street parking shall conform to Bylaw 12375;
 - a. Designated as being solely for the use of the secondary suite, and be minimum of one dedicated parking stall.
7. A lit pathway with hard surfaced material is required from the on-site secondary suite parking stall to the suite entrance with a minimum width of 860mm (34.4")
8. No secondary suite will be allowed without connection to municipal sewer with lot area less than 830m². Where lot size permits, it is the owners' responsibility to obtain confirmation from a Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner that the existing sewage disposal system can accommodate the suite.
9. The suite address is to be prominently displayed at the front of the premises clearly identifying where the access to the suite occurs.
10. Smoke alarms shall be hard wired for power and must be interconnected through hard-wire (or wireless) in dwelling and common space.
11. Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms conforming to CAN/CSA-6.19 are to be installed if the building contains a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage. The CO alarms shall be hard wired for power, must be interconnected through hard-wire or wireless in each unit.
12. The minimum ceiling height shall be 2.1m (6'-9") for the required area of a given room type.
15. Every bedroom shall have at least one outside window or exterior door openable from the inside. The window shall provide an unobstructed opening of not less than 0.35m² (3.75ft²) in area with no dimension less than 380mm (15") - *unless sprinkler system is installed.*
16. Fire separations for exits shall conform to BCBC 2018 Article 9.9.4.2
17. The heating system must be separately controlled.

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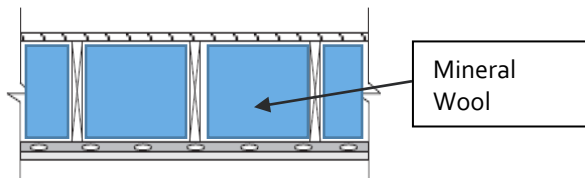
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- 18 The heating and ventilation systems must be completely separated from the main dwelling to ensure the required sound transmission classification is met.
- 19 Ventilation requirements as per current edition of BCBC are required as primary ventilation.

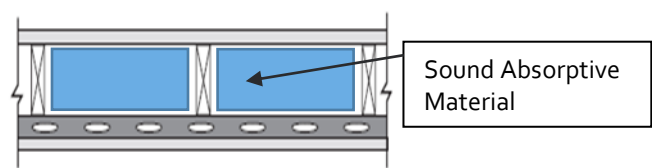
New Construction Recommended Suite Separation Assemblies

Fire Resistance Rating	Type of Smoke Alarm & Interconnections	Demising Wall & Ceiling Assemblies STC 43 or Prescriptive
30 min	An additional photoelectric smoke alarm required in each unit & be interconnected	<u>Floors/Ceilings & Walls (9.10.3.1 & 9.11.1.1):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Joists/Studs filled with sound absorbing material · Resilient metal channel spaced at 400 or 600mm o.c on one side of the separation. · 12.7mm (½") gypsum board on ceiling and both sides of walls
45 min	NO additional smoke alarm required and NOT required to be interconnected to the main dwelling unit; but must be interconnected within the suites	<u>Floors/Ceilings (9.10.3.1-B - Assembly F8g):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Mineral wool in joist cavity · Resilient metal channel spaced at 400mm o.c · 1-Layer 12.7mm (½") Type-X gypsum board <u>Walls (9.10.3.1-A - Assembly W3c):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 89mm thick absorptive material in stud cavity · Resilient metal channels on one side spaced 400mm or 600mm o.c · 1-Layer 12.7mm (½") Type-X gypsum board on both sides

Floor: 9.10.3.1-B - F8g



Wall: 9.10.3.1-A - W3c



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