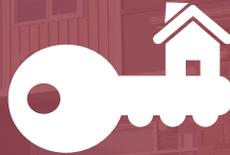


# PUTTING THE HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND INTO ACTION FOR SASKATOON



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## HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND - RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) application outlines an initiative aimed at removing barriers to the development of Supportive Housing, including Residential Care Homes. The intention is to develop a streamlined approach for Residential Care Homes on both pre-designated and non-pre-designated sites.

#### What are Residential Care Homes?

“Residential Care Home” means a licensed or approved group care home governed by Provincial regulations that provides, in a residential setting, 24-hour care of persons in need of personal services, supervision or assistance essential for sustaining the activities of daily living or for the protection of the individual.

There are three types of Residential Care Homes:

- Residential Care Home Type I allows for five or less residents
- Residential Care Home Type II allows for more than five but no more than 15 residents
- Residential Care Home Type III allows for more than 15 residents

In many cases, a Residential Care Home Type II is a discretionary use which requires Council approval. In some circumstances, a Residential Care Home Type II is pre-designated on a Concept Plan. These are discretionary use; however, approval of these applications is delegated to Administration.

Residential Care Homes are also subject to Provincial licensing and Building Code requirements.

## **What changes are being proposed?**

- Residential Care Homes Type II that are pre-designated on an approved Concept Plan will be permitted, having been previously reviewed for site suitability. The off-street parking requirement for permitted Residential Care Homes will also be removed.
- Residential Care Homes Type II that are not pre-designated on an approved Concept Plan will be discretionary and delegated to Administration as a standard discretionary use application.
- Residential Care Homes Type III will be removed from the Zoning Bylaw as they are institutional in scale, and better align with other forms of Supportive Housing. There are no Residential Care Homes Type III in Saskatoon.

## **What areas or districts does this change apply to?**

This change applies to all zoning districts which currently list Residential Care Homes Type II as a discretionary use.

## **Will I still get to comment on Residential Care Homes if a new one is proposed in my neighbourhood?**

As per the City's Public Notice Policy, Residential Care Homes that are subject to a discretionary use application will be circulated to nearby residents for feedback. Applications would also be considered based on conformance with the Official Community Plan and any other applicable policies and regulations.

## **How does the Official Community Plan support these changes?**

The Official Community Plan (OCP) provides policy direction to facilitate supportive housing forms and tenures (such as residential care homes) in all areas of the city. The OCP further states that an equitable distribution of community facilities, including supportive housing will be provided through appropriate long-range planning and the development review process.

## **How will these changes streamline applications for Residential Care Homes?**

Residential Care Homes Type II will be permitted on pre-designated sites. As such, the proposed changes will provide certainty for these developments to proceed as they will no longer require discretionary use approval.

Residential Care Homes Type II that are not on pre-designated sites will be a discretionary use and delegated to Administration. Discretionary use applications delegated to City Administration do not require City Council approval at a Public Hearing, consequently speeding up the application process.

## **What are the next steps?**

The proposed amendments to remove barriers to the development of Supportive Housing require City Council approval. The amendments will be brought forward to the Municipal Planning Commission in May 2024 and to a City Council Public Hearing in June 2024. To access the meeting agenda, or to send a letter or request to speak, please follow this [link](#).

## How can I provide my input?

Please email your comments to [zoningbylaw@saskatoon.ca](mailto:zoningbylaw@saskatoon.ca).

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