

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

The purposes of this Bylaw are to amend the Zoning Regulation Bylaw and the Zoning Bylaw 2018 to allow social service centres in all zones.

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Victoria in an open meeting enacts the following provisions:

Title

- 1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRES ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW”.

Zoning Regulation Bylaw Amendments

- 2 Bylaw No. 80-159, the Zoning Regulation Bylaw, is amended as follows:

- (a) Schedule A – Definitions is amended by adding the following definition immediately after the definition of “**Small-scale commercial urban food production**”:

“**Social Service Centre**’ means a use of a building by a public or non-profit agency or authority to provide support and assistance to those whose mental or physical well-being are at risk, including persons experiencing homelessness or persons at risk of homelessness, and may include the provision of food services, counselling, group meetings, and short-term day or night shelter not exceeding 40 shelter spaces, but does not include permanent residency, health care facilities, or supervised consumption sites.”

- (b) Introduction and General Regulations is amended by adding the following new section immediately after section 53:

“54 (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), Social Service Centre is permitted in all zones provided that its operation does not, directly or indirectly, cause a nuisance or otherwise negatively impact the neighbouring community.

(2) Social Service Centre is not permitted on any lot that is within 100 metres of another Social Service Centre.

(3) A Social Service Centre operator must enter into an agreement with the City requiring that the property is well kept and maintained at all times to reduce any negative impacts on the neighbouring community.”

Zoning Bylaw 2018 Amendments

3 Bylaw No. 18-072, the Zoning Bylaw 2018, is amended as follows:

- (a) by adding the following new definition to Part 2.2 Use Definitions immediately after the definition for “Small-scale Commercial Agriculture”:

“**Social Service Centre** means a use of a **Building** by a public or non-profit agency or authority to provide support and assistance to those whose mental or physical well-being are at risk, including persons experiencing homelessness or persons at risk of homelessness, and may include the provision of food services, counselling, group meetings, and short-term day or night shelter not exceeding 40 shelter spaces, but does not include permanent residency, health care facilities, or supervised consumption sites.”;

- (b) By inserting the following as a new section 3.1.14 and immediately after section 3.1.13:

“14. A Social Service Centre is permitted in all zones provided that

- a. its operation does not, directly or indirectly, cause a nuisance or otherwise negatively impact the neighbouring community;
- b. is not within 100 metres of another Social Service Centre; and
- c. the operator enters into an agreement with the City requiring that the property is well kept and maintained at all times to reduce any negative impacts on the neighbouring community.”

Effective Date

4 This Bylaw comes into force on adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME the	25th	day of	July	2024
READ A SECOND TIME the	25th	day of	July	2024
READ A THIRD TIME the	25th	day of	July	2024
ADOPTED on the	25th	day of	July	2024

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