

TWO OR MORE DWELLINGS ON A LOT AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

Purpose

To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.

To achieve residential development that respects the existing neighbourhood character or which contributes to a preferred neighbourhood character.

To encourage residential development that provides reasonable standards of amenity for existing and new residents.

To encourage residential development that is responsive to the site and the neighbourhood.

Application

Provisions in this clause apply to an application to:

- Construct a dwelling if there is at least one dwelling existing on the lot,
- Construct two or more dwellings on a lot,
- Extend a dwelling if there are two or more dwellings on the lot,
- Construct or extend a dwelling on common property, or
- Construct or extend a residential building,

in the Neighbourhood Residential Zone, General Residential Zone, Residential Growth Zone, Mixed Use Zone or Township Zone.

The provisions of this clause apply to an application specified above, in the manner set out in the following table.

Application type	Applicable clauses
To construct or extend a dwelling (other than a dwelling in or forming part of an apartment development), or To construct or extend a residential building.	All of Clause 55 except Clause 55.07-1 to 55.07-15 (inclusive).
To construct or extend an apartment development, or To construct or extend a dwelling in or forming part of an apartment development.	All of Clause 55 except Clause 55.03-5, Clause 55.03-6, Clause 55.04-8, Clause 55.05-1, Clause 55.05-2 and Clause 55.05-6.

These provisions do not apply to an application to construct or extend a development of five or more storeys, excluding a basement or to construct or extend a dwelling in a development of five or more storeys, excluding a basement.

Operation

The provisions of this clause contain:

- **Objectives.** An objective describes the desired outcome to be achieved in the completed development.
- **Standards.** A standard contains the requirements to meet the objective.
A standard should normally be met. However, if the responsible authority is satisfied that an application for an alternative design solution meets the objective, the alternative design solution may be considered.
- **Decision guidelines.** The decision guidelines set out the matters that the responsible authority must consider before deciding if an application meets the objectives.

Requirements

A development:

- Must meet all of the objectives of this clause that apply to the application.
- Should meet all of the standards of this clause that apply to the application.

For all of the provisions of Clause 55 other than Clause 55.07 (Apartment developments):

- If a zone or a schedule to a zone specifies a requirement of a standard different from a requirement set out in this clause, the requirement in the zone or a schedule to the zone applies.
- If the land is included in a Neighbourhood Character Overlay and a schedule to the overlay specifies a requirement of a standard different from a requirement set out in this clause or a requirement in the zone or a schedule to the zone, the requirement in the schedule to the overlay applies.
- If the land is included in an overlay, other than a Neighbourhood Character Overlay, and a schedule to the overlay specifies a requirement different from a requirement of a standard set out in this clause or a requirement of a standard set out in the zone or a schedule to the zone, the requirement in the overlay applies.

The requirements of a standard set out in Clause 55.07 (Apartment developments) apply to the exclusion of any different requirement specified in a zone, a schedule to a zone, or a schedule to an overlay.

Transitional provisions

Clause 55.03-4 of this planning scheme, as in force immediately before the approval date of Amendment VC154, continues to apply to:

- An application for a planning permit lodged before that date.
- An application for an amendment of a permit under section 72 of the Act, if the original permit application was lodged before that date.