

Schedule 140 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, May 15, 2017 and Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

**Mayor and Councillors**

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**Sent:** Monday, 15 May 2017 13:05  
**To:** Mayor and Councillors  
**Subject:** Richmond house size restriction

To Public Hearing	
Date:	MAY 15, 2017
Item #:	7
Re:	Bylaw 29706, 9707, 9712, 9777

Dear Mayor And Councilors,

I wish to express my concern for the lack of consideration that has been shown by the City to Farmland property owner's rights for their own properties.

I and my family have owned our property at 10131 Blundell Road for over 30+ years and now find that my property has been devalued by the introduction of house size restrictions. I understand that my property is located in the ALR however being just 155 ft x 126 ft (19000.00 sq.ft) and being less than 2 Acres the act does not apply nor can I do any type of commercial farming except do my personal vegetable gardens. I am puzzled and dismayed as to how and why my property and others of similar size are being targeted by the City with these unrealistic restrictions. The restrictions, as I understand, would limit my house size to approx. 4800 sq.ft where as my neighbors with over 2 Acres are still able to build massive homes upwards of 16,000 sq.ft., therefore the restrictions are not even effectively serving their purpose.

We are already handcuffed by not having city sewer even though I am only a block away from sewer and other services as sidewalks and curbs plus have to spend \$40,000 to install septic system and additional \$50,000 plus to prepare the site to be able to build a home on this property. If someone is building and using the Residence for other uses then Single Family then the City does have the Power to enforce its Bylaws and close down the illegal activities but please do not Punish the Innocent Residents of Richmond who are Law abiding and pay taxes on their properties. I would suggest the City should re-consider and be fair by having the same regulations as the other single family neighborhoods: 55%-5000 sq.ft and 30% on balance which would allow 7100 sq.ft on my lot.

I believe the appointed surveyor neglected to consider the smaller parcels and the fact that these parcels would be effectively useless with these restrictions. People who live in the ALR zoning should be the ones to determine what should be allowed and NOT anyone else from anywhere in the lower mainland or rest of the world. Please adjust the size restriction that you have proposed to reflect what is allowed in single family areas.

Sincerely,  
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