

Schedule 88 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, December 17, 2018.

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Regarding Zoning Bylaw 8500 ; Amendment Bylaws 9965, 9966, 9967, and 9968.

As co-owners of the property at 14260 Westminster Highway in the City of Richmond, we take objection to these amendments for the following reasons. These amendments create a special set of restrictions for Richmond residents while the rest of B.C. operates on a different and more logical agenda.

Bylaw 9965 is a very restrictive and arbitrary set of rules that by including garages and outbuildings in the overall square footage allowance, further diminishes the allowable size of the actual family residence.

Bylaw 9966 / a refers to the "farm home plate" without supplying a definition of what that is.

Bylaw 9966 / c refers to the "farm house footprint", again without supplying a definition as to what distinguishes it from a "farm home plate".

Bylaw 9966 / c also states that the "farm house footprint " is restricted to 60 % of the maximum house size. How can a "farm house footprint" be smaller than the allowed farm house size?

Bylaw 9967 would amend the "Farm home plate " to include the septic tank and fields. Does this take into consideration the larger septic field systems that are needed , or will be mandated , for an area that currently sits below sea level with a very shallow water table? Most rural AG1 properties are not connected to the existing storm or sanitary sewer systems.

Bylaw 9966 / b is simply peevish. There is no good reason to restrict a house to 2 storeys with a height of 29.5 feet when you are in the middle of an acreage. Richmond currently allows many older residential units to be dwarfed by new homes that can completely block views and sun.

All in all , this set of amendments seems poorly thought out and is being presented at a very hectic time of year, not as a discussion paper , but as a dictate.

Our property has been in the same family for 64 years and these amendments , if adopted , would be another instance of penalization for long time Richmond residents.

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