



## **EXPLANATORY MEMO**

### **INDUSTRIAL ZONING (I1 ZONE) UPDATE**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 195, BYLAW NO. 3251**

#### **PURPOSE:**

The City has initiated a phased process to update the Zoning Bylaw, to align it with the City's new Official Community Plan (OCP). This Bylaw proposes to update the I1 'Light Industrial' Zone (mapped on Attachment 1) as a 'first step' in the Zoning Bylaw update process, to respond to increasing industrial investment and redevelopment activity in the City. The I2 & I3 industrial and other zones will be updated as a part of the broader Zoning Bylaw update process, anticipated to be complete by mid-2024.

#### **POLICY:**

The OCP is organized around five policy 'Directions'. Most relevant to this Bylaw, Direction 2: 'A Highly Connected City Aligned With Rapid Transit' and Direction 4: 'A Responsive Economy That Creates New Jobs', include industrial land use policies that aim to 1) maintain the City's significant industrial land base, 2) encourage more industrial uses that provide more jobs and taxation benefits, 3) support innovation and investment, including new and emerging trends in industrial activity and business, and 4) modernize industrial zoning and parking to reflect industry and regional best practices, and improved transit service (including planned SkyTrain).

#### **COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:**

These proposed updates to the I1 Zone will implement OCP policies, enhance the City's economic competitiveness, provide opportunities for existing businesses and new developments to make the best use of valuable and costly industrial land, align the City with regional and national industrial development trends, and recognize the increased investment opportunities that will emerge with SkyTrain's arrival in 2028.

#### ***Specific Updates and Rationale***

The proposed I1 Zone updates, and the rationale for these updates, is as follows:

1. Lowering the minimum parking requirement for I1 Zone industrial uses to 1 space per 100 square metres (sm). The current parking rate is 2 spaces per 93 sm, which is more than double the City of Surrey rate (1 space per 100 sm) and the Township of Langley rate (0.5 spaces per 100 sm). Given high land costs, and that adjacent municipalities are hosting successful industrial activity with lower parking rates, this new parking minimum will help the City's industrial businesses make the best use of expensive land, provide more flexibility when adding more floorspace to existing sites, and enhance the City's economic competitiveness. This new minimum rate will not force existing businesses to reduce their parking, and existing and new businesses can provide more parking if they choose to.

2. Increasing the I1 zone height limit to 30 metres from the current 15 metre height limit. This will provide more flexibility for industrial businesses with taller buildings and/or on-site structures, and opportunities for new development to 'stack' uses on a site to maximize land efficiency and fit in new industrial uses such as e-commerce, warehousing and speciality manufacturing uses that require taller buildings and 'floor to ceiling' heights. Given high land costs, increased building height also provides opportunities to place industrial uses on top of parking, which improves site use and cost efficiencies.
3. Permitting more small-scale office uses, including professional offices supporting land development, manufacturing, utility and technology/e-commerce industries, in industrial buildings located along major or 'arterial' roads. This office space would be 'accessory' to on-site industrial uses, limited to a maximum of 10 percent of the site area and building floorspace, and only permitted on I1-zoned properties adjoining major roads, including 200 Street, 56 Avenue, Fraser Highway, Logan Avenue and Langley Bypass. This approach is intended to create new business investment opportunities, support emerging industrial-business trends, provide more commercial uses that service local industrial and neighbourhood areas and are in close walking distance of high frequency transit, and help create attractive 'office-like' industrial buildings, along the City's major travel corridors and at major intersections, when industrial properties redevelop.

***Effect of Bylaw: No Impact on Existing Industrial Businesses***

If this proposed amendment is adopted by Council, these updates will not impact or impose additional zoning requirements on existing industrial businesses.

**SUMMARY**

The I1 'Light Industrial' Zone is being updated to support increasing industrial investment interest and new industrial redevelopment activity in the City, and align a commonly used Industrial Zone with the industrial development policies in the OCP.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

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**ZONING BYLAW, 1996, No. 2100  
AMENDMENT No. 195**

**BYLAW No. 3251**

A Bylaw to amend City of Langley Zoning Bylaw, 1996, No. 2100 to include new General Regulations and amend I1 Light Industrial Zone regulations.

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* authorizes a local government to zone areas of a municipality and to make regulations pursuant to zoning;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Langley, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. Title**

This bylaw shall be cited as the “Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 195, 2023, No. 3251”.

**2. Amendment**

Bylaw No. 2100, cited as the “Zoning Bylaw, 1996, No. 2100” is hereby amended by:

2.1 Updating the Minimum Parking Requirement table in Part 1 “Administration and Enforcement”, Section E “Off-Street Parking and Loading”, under ‘Land Use’ and ‘Industrial Uses’ and for the *Light Industrial*, *Workshop* and *Warehouse* uses to the following:

<i>Light Industrial</i>	I1 Zone	1.0 space per 100 m <sup>2</sup> (1,076.39 ft <sup>2</sup> ) of <i>gross floor area</i> or fraction thereof.
	Other zones	2.0 spaces per 93 m <sup>2</sup> (1,001.07 ft <sup>2</sup> ) of <i>gross floor area</i> or fraction thereof.
<i>Workshop</i>	I1 Zone	1.0 space per 100 m <sup>2</sup> (1,076.39 ft <sup>2</sup> ) of <i>gross floor area</i> or fraction thereof.
	Other zones	2.0 spaces per 93 m <sup>2</sup> (1,001.07 ft <sup>2</sup> ) of <i>gross floor area</i> or fraction thereof.
<i>Warehouse</i>	I1 Zone	1.0 space per 100 m <sup>2</sup> (1,076.39 ft <sup>2</sup> ) of <i>gross floor area</i> or fraction thereof.
	Other zones	2.0 spaces per 93 m <sup>2</sup> (1,001.07 ft <sup>2</sup> ) of <i>gross floor area</i> or fraction thereof.

2.2 Adding the following to the list of permitted accessory uses in Part IV “Industrial Zones”, Section A “I1 Light Industrial Zone”, 2. Permitted Uses, (I) *Accessory Uses* limited to the following:

- (ii) *Office* uses, including those supporting land development, manufacturing, utility, and technology/e-commerce industries, limited to a maximum leasable floorspace of the lesser of 10 percent of lot area or *gross floor area*, and only on lots adjoining 56 Avenue, 200 Street, Fraser Highway, Logan Avenue, and the Langley Bypass.

2.3 Updating the Maximum *Height* in Part IV “Industrial Zones”, Section A “I1 Light Industrial Zone”, 4. Size of Buildings and Structures to:

*Principal Building, Height:* 30.0 m (98.4 ft)

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME this day of , 2023.

The PUBLIC HEARING was held, pursuant to Section of the *Local Government Act* this day of , 2023.

READ A THIRD TIME this day of, 2023.

FINALLY ADOPTED this day of , 2023.

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**MAYOR**

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**CORPORATE OFFICER**

# Attachment 1

## I1 Light Industrial Zone Properties in City of Langley

