



## Secondary Suites - Summary of Changes

### What has changed?

“Regional District of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw No. 2500, 2024” (Bylaw 2500) includes a number of changes with respect to secondary suites intended to simplify the regulations and encourage the construction of secondary suites.

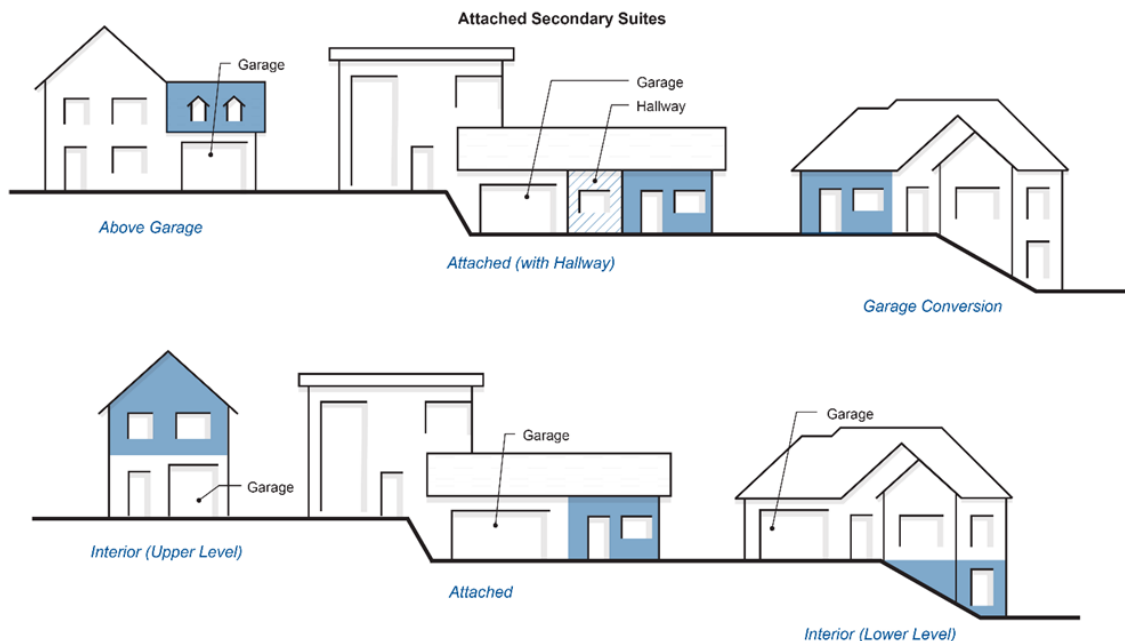
The following is a summary of the changes included in Bylaw 2500:

- The definition of secondary suite has been updated for improved clarity between attached and detached suites.
- Diagrams have been added to aid in clarity on identifying different types of secondary units.
- The maximum permitted secondary suite floor area has been increased to 100 m<sup>2</sup>.
- The land area required to permit a detached secondary suite has been reduced to 2,000 m<sup>2</sup> on parcels with community water and 4,000 m<sup>2</sup> on parcels with no community servicing. This is meant to align site area requirements for secondary dwellings with the requirements for secondary suites and allow for more opportunities for detached suites.

### Attached Secondary Suites

The suite is attached to the principal dwelling unit and is contained within the same footprint or is joined by heated space including a heated hallway generally as illustrated in the diagrams below.

#### Attached secondary suite examples



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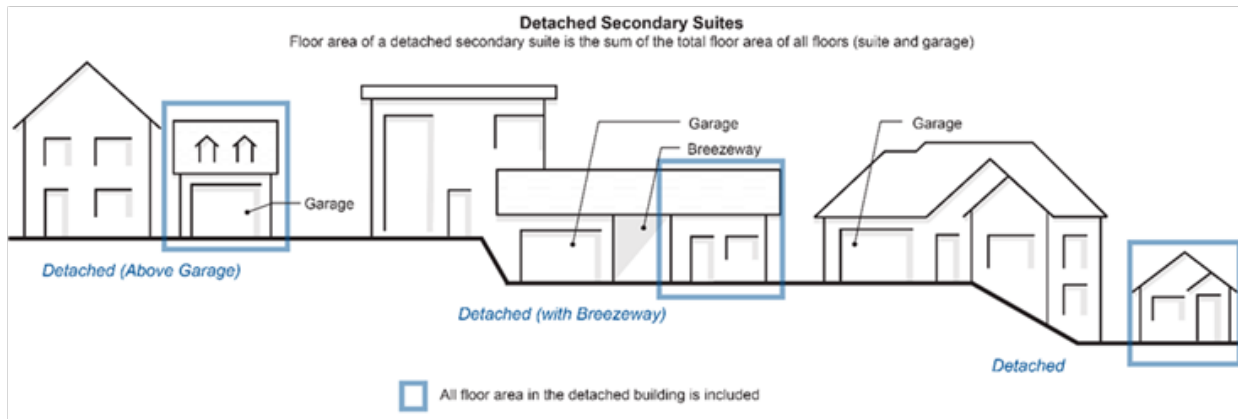
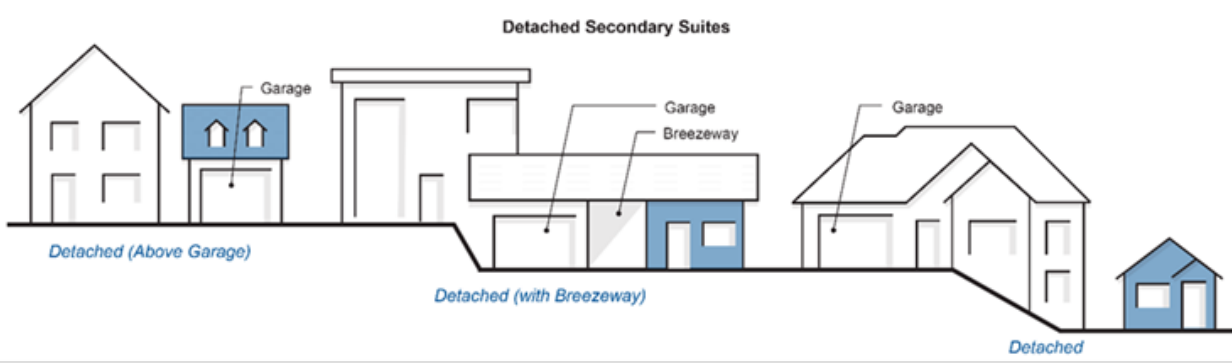
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### Detached Secondary Suites

The suite is wholly separate from the principal dwelling unit, but may be connected by an unheated breezeway, or attached to or contained within an Accessory Building containing another use such as a garage or storage space generally as illustrated in the diagram below.

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