



Business Tenant Relocation

No.: DEVAPPS-14

Date: 2021-09-13

Purpose:

To support existing businesses by minimizing the impact of displacement resulting from redevelopment.

Background:

As part of Richmond's ongoing support of business, the City will continue to work with the development community to ensure space is available for local businesses. This bulletin provides information on the minimum expectations of the City if a development proposal would temporarily or permanently displace existing business activities.

Implementation:

As part of the development application review process (Official Community Plan amendment, Rezoning or Development Permit), the owner is to provide staff with written confirmation that the following assistance measures have been undertaken:

- All tenants have been provided with reasonable notice (e.g., a minimum of 6 months) regarding the need to relocate from the property;
- The owner provides all business tenants with access to a professional realtor, at the owner's sole cost, in an effort to assist all business tenants in finding similar, appropriately zoned leased space within the City; and
- If the development proposal includes floor area for similar business uses, all tenants have been provided with the right of first refusal to occupy replacement space, and the owner has provided, when possible, an equivalent amount of replacement business space within the redevelopment.

For further information or clarification, please contact the Development Applications Department at 604-276-4138 or email devapps@richmond.ca.