

Secondary Suite means development consisting of a Dwelling located within, and Accessory to, a structure in which the principal use is Single Detached Housing. A Secondary Suite has cooking facilities, food preparation, sleeping and sanitary facilities which are physically separate from those of the principal Dwelling within the structure. A Secondary Suite also has an entrance separate from the entrance to the principal Dwelling, either from a common indoor landing or directly from the side or rear of the structure. This Use Class includes the Development or Conversion of Basement space or above-grade space to a separate Dwelling, or the addition of new floor space for a Secondary Suite to an existing Single Detached Dwelling. This Use Class does not include Duplex Housing, Semi-detached Housing, or Apartment Housing, and does not include Garage Suites, Garden Suites, or Boarding and Lodging Houses.

Edmonton Zoning Bylaw 12800

86. Secondary Suites

A Secondary Suite shall comply with the following regulations:

1. the minimum Site area for a Single Detached Dwelling containing a Secondary Suite is [360 m²](#) , except in the case of the [RR Zone](#), where it shall be the same as the minimum Site area for the Zone.
2. the maximum Floor Area of the Secondary Suite shall be as follows:
 - a. in the case of a Secondary Suite located completely below the first storey of a Single Detached Dwelling (other than stairways or a common landing), the Floor Area (excluding the area covered by stairways) shall not exceed the Floor Area of the first storey of the associated principal Dwelling.
 - b. in the case of a Secondary Suite developed completely or partially above grade, the Floor Area (excluding the area covered by stairways) shall not exceed 40% of the total Floor Area above grade of the building containing the associated principal Dwelling, nor [70 m²](#) , whichever is the lesser.
3. the minimum Floor Area for a Secondary Suite shall be not less than [30 m²](#) .
4. a Secondary Suite shall be developed in such a manner that the exterior of the principal building containing the Secondary Suite shall appear as a single Dwelling.
5. only one of a Secondary Suite, a Garage Suite or Garden Suite may be developed in conjunction with a principal Dwelling.
6. a Secondary Suite shall not be developed within the same principal Dwelling containing a Group Home or Limited Group Home, or a Major Home Based Business, unless the Secondary Suite is an integral part of a Bed and Breakfast Operation in the case of a Major Home Based Business;

7. notwithstanding subsection 6.1(37) of this Bylaw, the number of unrelated persons occupying a Secondary Suite shall not exceed three.
8. the Secondary Suite shall not be subject to separation from the principal Dwelling through a condominium conversion or subdivision.
9. Secondary Suites shall not be included in the calculation of densities in this Bylaw.
10. notwithstanding Secondary Suites being listed as Permitted or Discretionary Uses within any Zone, they shall be subject to the regulations of the Edmonton-Strathcona County Joint Planning Study Area Secondary, Garage and Garden Suites Overlay in Section 822 of this Bylaw.