

AMENDMENTS TO THE LIQUOR STORE SEPARATION DISTANCE GUIDELINES

Objectives

To ensure opportunities for liquor stores are balanced with the cumulative impacts of traffic, parking, noise and aesthetics they may have on communities.

The separation distance helps manage over concentration of liquor stores along corridors and in communities.

Guidelines

A request to reduce either the 300 metre minimum separation distance between a proposed liquor store and an existing liquor store, or the 150 metre minimum separation distance between a proposed liquor store and a school, up to 10 per cent of the minimum distance, may be approved by the development authority when:

1. The proposed liquor store is less than 300 metres from an existing liquor store, but located in and serving a different community or neighbourhood;
2. Only one liquor store or school is within the minimum separation distance;
3. A major road or expressway separates the proposed liquor store from the other liquor store or school within the separation distance;
4. The proposed liquor store, or the existing liquor store that is within the minimum separation distance, is located in an enclosed shopping centre; or
5. The existing liquor store located within the minimum separation distance is in a land use district where the separation distances do not apply (e.g. a direct control district, regional commercial district or a downtown district).
6. An existing approved Liquor Store proposes to relocate to a new location within 300 metres of its original location, provided that it does not move within the minimum separation distance of a different liquor store.