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## New rules in force for the **Agricultural Land Reserve**

On February 22, 2019, changes to the Agricultural Land Commission Act (ALCA) and associated regulations came into force. These changes are part of a broader Provincial initiative to revitalize the Agricultural Land Reserve and Agricultural Land Commission, with the objective of strengthening protection for BC's agricultural land.

The original *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* has been replaced with two documents: *ALR General Regulations* and *ALR Use Regulations*. While many of the concepts in the ALC Act and associated ALR regulations remain unchanged, new changes were introduced for residential uses and soil uses (fill and removal) in the ALR.

### KEY CHANGES

The following key changes now apply to properties in the ALR:

- **House Size Limit** – A new principal residence, or expansion of an existing home is limited to a maximum total floor area of 500m<sup>2</sup> (5,382 ft<sup>2</sup>), unless an application for a larger dwelling is approved by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC).
- **Additional Residences** – Construction of any additional residence on a lot requires ALC approval. The only exception is for a secondary suite within the principal residence.
- **Placement of Fill** - New regulations are in place for adding or removing soil on an ALR property, including procedures for advanced notice to the ALC (see the City's Engineering department).
- **Increased Dumping Penalties** - Stiffer penalties are now in place to deter the dumping of damaging materials and illegal fill in the ALR.

### LEARN MORE

#### **ALC Information Bulletin 05 - Residential Uses in the ALR**

This document addresses several common scenarios: new and replacement dwellings, grandfathering provisions, alterations to an existing residence, and continued use of an additional dwelling:

[https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/assets/alc/assets/legislation-and-regulation/information-bulletins/information\\_bulletin\\_5\\_residences\\_in\\_the\\_alr.pdf](https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/assets/alc/assets/legislation-and-regulation/information-bulletins/information_bulletin_5_residences_in_the_alr.pdf)

#### **Provincial government news release:**

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0018-000261>

#### **ALC Act changes (Bill 52):**

<https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/legislation-debates-proceedings/41st-parliament/3rd-session/bills/third-reading/gov52-3>

#### **ALR Regulation changes:**

[https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/assets/alc/assets/legislation-and-regulation/the-act-and-regulation/oic\\_067-2019.pdf](https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/assets/alc/assets/legislation-and-regulation/the-act-and-regulation/oic_067-2019.pdf)

If you have further questions about the regulation changes, we suggest that you contact the ALC directly: [ALC.SouthCoast@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ALC.SouthCoast@gov.bc.ca)