

## 2012 Vancouver Building By-Law Proposed Change (Location of Gas Vents)

Please be advised of a proposed change to the 2012 Vancouver Building By-Law involving location of gas vents for heating and air conditioning equipment. The provision would only allow venting vertically through a roof or horizontally through an exterior wall that faces a street or lane including additional restrictions. Please note that the proposed change would only be applicable in the City of Vancouver. As per proposed changes involving venting requirements to the National Building Code for 2015, straying from CSA B149 (Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code) appears to becoming a common occurrence.

You can access the actual proposed changes at <http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/CBOFFICIAL/vbbl/2012/>

An excerpt of the proposed change is included below for your review:

### Division B, Subsection 3.6.5. – Location of Gas Vents

#### Proposed Changes

Code Reference:	Division B, Subsection 3.6.5. – Location of Gas Vents
Existing By-law Provision:	None
Proposed By-law Provision:	Add a new Article for location of gas vents:  3.6.5.9. - Location of Gas Vents  1) Other than direct vented fireplaces, exhaust pipes from heating and air conditioning equipment and other similar appliances shall be directed a) through the roof of the building at least 1.5 m away from any property line, or b) horizontally through an exterior wall that faces a street or a lane and is at least 3 m away from any property line.
Rationale for Change:	As a result of their high-efficiency operation, newer heating and air-conditioning appliances may produce condensation-laden exhaust and/or noise at the exhaust outlet. This proposed By-law change will require the exhaust to be directed away from adjacent properties or up through the roof, thereby limiting impacts on neighbouring buildings.

Kind Regards,

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