SUBJECT: LICENSEE RETAIL STORES (LRS) REZONING POLICY

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General Characteristics

The following will be considered by staff and referred to Council when reviewing rezoning applications for new LRS facilities.

- The store should be in an established retail location or shopping centre to minimize
 nuisance to nearby neighbours. This may be within a centre as identified in the
 Official Community Plan, within a commercial area identified in a local area plan or
 in a location zoned for other retail use.
- Pedestrian entrance to the store should be from an existing street frontage or from within an existing shopping centre.
- The store should be at least 200 metres from an elementary or secondary school.
- Generally, the store should be at least 200 metres from an existing Licensee Retail Store, BC Liquor Store, and wine or beer store. A reduced distance may be warranted in locations such as neighbourhood or district centres or where significant roads or geographic features bisect an area.
- For applications with street frontage, the applicant should undertake a Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED) review and indicate, as part of their application, how CPTED guidelines will be observed.
- Revitalization of a heritage building and/or improved shop frontage on a street is encouraged.

Approved Process

- Owners/occupiers within a 180 metre radius shall be notified of the application.
- The application will be referred to School District No. 61 and 63 and Saanich Police for up to 30 days, to ensure that their comments are considered in Council's decision.
- Prior to submitting an application, the applicant is expected to discuss the proposal with the local neighbourhood association and hold at least one information meeting.