

Farm Home Plate: Residential Development in the Agricultural Land Reserve

A Farm Home Plate is an area allocated for all principal and accessory Residential structures on lands within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). It is intended to restrict the impact of residential development on agricultural land and is aimed at maintaining the land base for agricultural purposes.

The Farm Home Plate establishes a maximum size, setbacks and floor area for all residential development on properties within the ALR. The [Maple Ridge Zoning Bylaw No. 7600-2019](#) defines a Farm Home Plate as follows:

FARM HOME PLATE means a [Residential](#) footprint area allocated for all [Principal](#) and [Accessory Residential Buildings](#) and [Structures](#) on a [Lot](#) that is [Designated](#) as "Agricultural" in the [Maple Ridge Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7060-2014](#); is located within the [Agricultural Land Reserve](#); and is subject to the [Agricultural Land Commission Act and its Regulations](#). Refer to Section 402 (Farm Home Plate) of this Bylaw.

402.12 Farm Home Plate

1. For [Lots](#) within the [Agricultural Land Reserve](#) and that are subject to the [Agricultural Land Commission Act and its Regulations](#), the following limitations to [Residential Development shall](#) apply: (Bylaw 7749-2021)
 - a. the area of the [Farm Home Plate shall](#) not exceed a maximum contiguous area of 0.2 hectares;
 - b. the maximum depth of the [Farm Home Plate shall](#) not exceed 60.0 metres measured from the [Front Lot Line](#) to a line parallel to the [Front Lot Line](#);
 - c. all [Principal](#) and [Accessory Residential Buildings](#) and [Structures shall](#) be sited within the [Farm Home Plate](#);
 - d. the total floor area of the [Principal Single Detached Residential Building shall](#) not exceed 500.0 square metres, excluding a maximum of 42.0 square metres for attached garage and/or carport;
 - e. the Floor Area of all [Principal](#) and [Accessory Residential Buildings](#) and [Structures shall](#) meet the current requirements of the [Agricultural Land Commission Act and its Regulations](#); (Bylaw 7827-2022)
 - f. the maximum distance from the [Front Lot Line](#) to any portion of the [Single Detached Residential Building shall](#) not exceed 50.0 metres; and
 - g. provisions of the [Agricultural Land Commission Act and its Regulations shall](#) prevail.]

See *Farm Home Plate Sketch*, next page.

Application: These requirements apply to new residential development for all properties within the Agricultural Land Reserve. Exceptions may occur for properties less than 0.8 hectares that were in existence prior to the creation of the Agricultural Land Reserve (December 31, 1972).

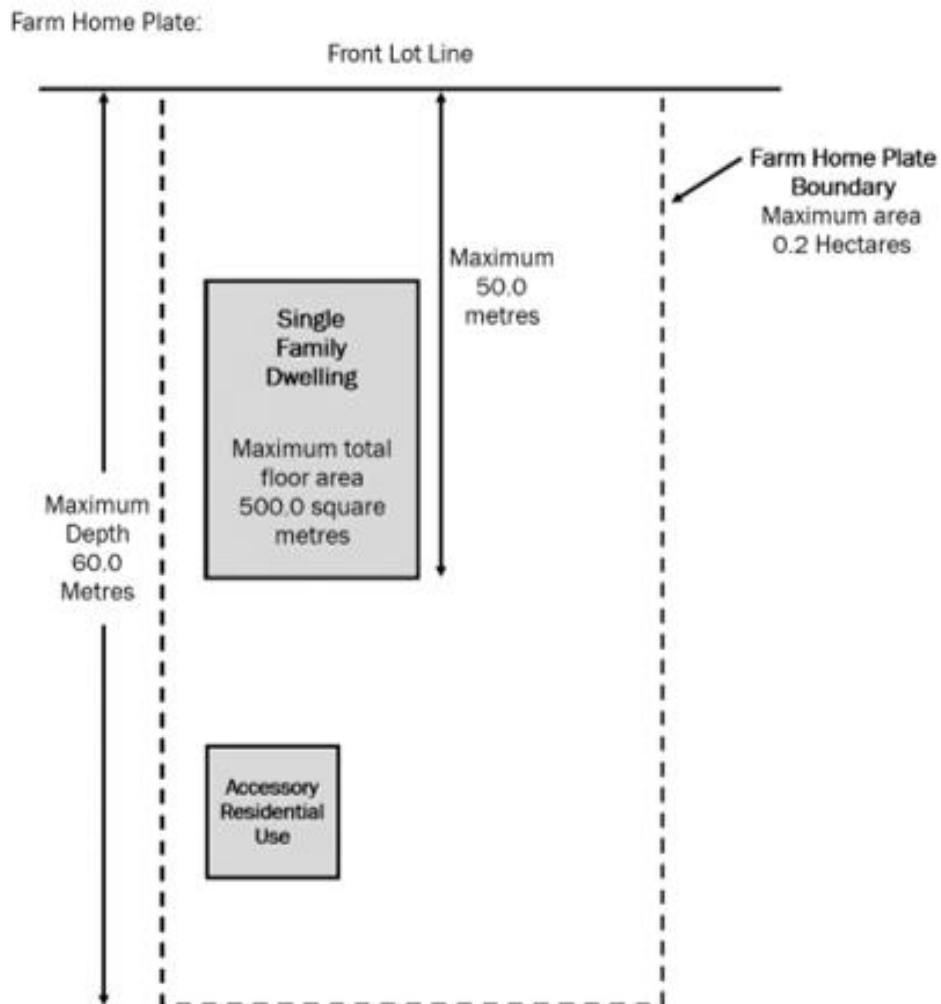
ALC Information Bulletin: Conditionally permitted within the Agricultural Land Reserve. Refer to: ALC Information Bulletin 05 - Residences in the ALR:

https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/assets/alc/assets/legislation-and-regulation/information-bulletins/ib_05_residences_in_the_alr.pdf

Placement of Fill: For residential construction purposes, the placement of fill must be entirely within the farm home plate and in accordance with ALC Information Bulletin 07 – Soil or Fill Uses in the ALR:

https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/assets/alc/assets/legislation-and-regulation/information-bulletins/information_bulletin_07_-_soil_or_fill_uses_in_the_alr.pdf

Farm Home Plate Sketch



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