

## Lawyer Letter/Comfort Letter Requests

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The Building Department can provide information for legal purposes for any City of Maple Ridge property for which information and records are available. The request must be made by a lawyer, notary or other legal professional.

The fee for this service, as stated in the current City of Maple Ridge Building Bylaw, is \$200 plus GST per parcel or building file plus \$12 per page for supporting documentation. As we do not know up front how many, if any, supporting documentation pages there will be, the \$200 plus GST fee is to be paid at time of request. When the letter is completed, should there be any supporting documentation pages, payment for these additional pages will be required prior to the letter being released.

Payment (by cash, cheque, Visa or MasterCard) is payable to the City of Maple Ridge and must be received with the written request. The letter of request must include:

- Requestors name, address, phone and fax number and email address,
- Address of requested property.
- Legal Description of property,
- Strata Lot Number (if applicable),
- PID/Roll number of property (optional).

If you require specific information, please include that in your request, otherwise a general letter will be provided, which may omit a specific concern.

A general letter will provide the following information:

- A zoning map of the property and the applicable section of the City of Maple Ridge Zoning Bylaw which outlines appropriate uses for that section
- Outstanding Permit issues
- **Business licences**
- Current Bylaw complaints

We will endeavor to have letters prepared within ten (10) business days of the initial request. If indicated in the request, a copy can be faxed or emailed to the requestor with the original copy and related attachments forwarded by mail.

Requests for copies of "all" property records, including plans, reports, etc should be directed to the City of Maple Ridge Clerk's Department at 604-463-5221. These requests fall under the Freedom of Information Act and can take up to thirty (30) days to process.

For Planning Department information, please contact the City of Maple Ridge Planning Department at 604-467-7341.

For Health Department Information, please contact the Health Unit, 400 - 22470 Dewdney Trunk Rd, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 5Z6, Phone: 604-476-7000, Fax: 604-476-7077.

For Fire Inspection or Fire Department record information, please contact the Maple Ridge Fire Department at 22708 Brown Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 9A2, Phone: 604-463-5880, Fax: 604-467-7332, email fire@mapleridge.ca

Tel: 604-467-7311

Fax: 604-467-7461

If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department at 604-467-7311.