Planning Department

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA 4
FARM HOME PLATE

A Guide to the Farm Home Plate Regulations in Chilliwack
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INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE:

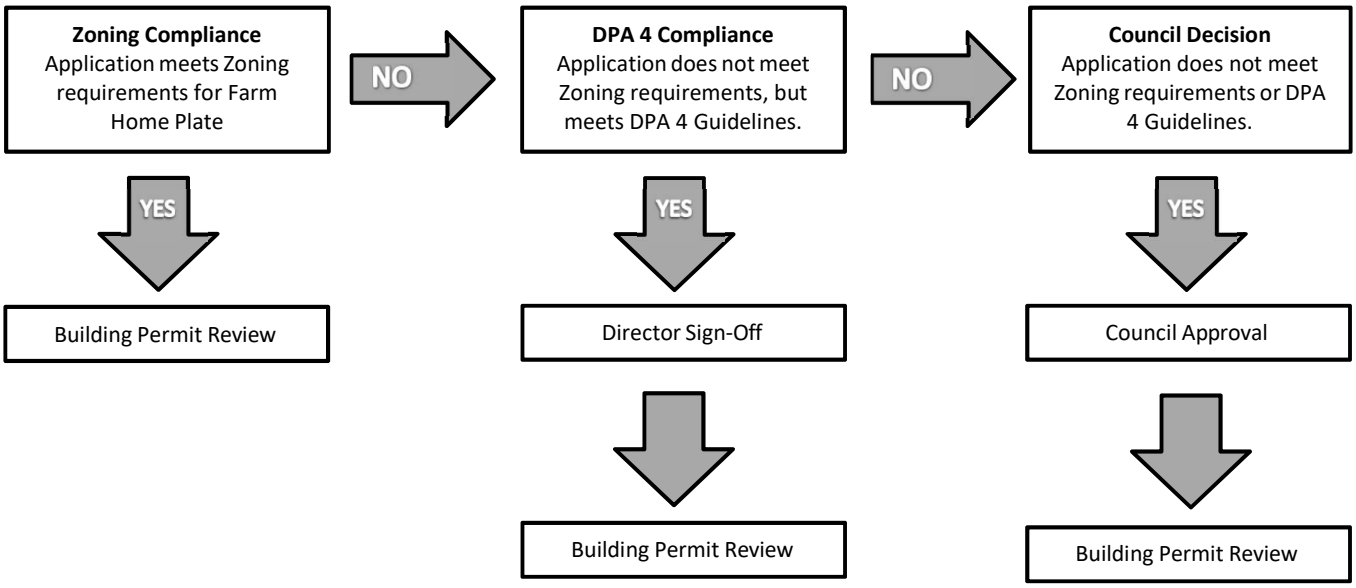
Development Permit Area (DPA) 4 – Farm Home Plate is comprised of all valley floor farmland within the City of Chilliwack. DPA 4 was established to provide flexibility to the Farm Home Plate area and siting requirements to accommodate better farm operations and unique site characteristics while using as little farm land area as possible. For more information on DPA 4 Guidelines and Map of applicable lands, please refer to the Official Community Plan (OCP), online at www.chilliwack.com/ocp.

FARM HOME PLATE is a portion of the property where all residential and related buildings, structures and activities are clustered, leaving the balance of the property for agricultural use. The goal is to minimize the impact of residences and related buildings and activities on agricultural land and to retain agricultural land for agricultural uses in the long term.

Please see the following page for **Zoning Bylaw Area & Siting Requirements for Farm Home Plates** with infographic and examples of residential and related structures or activities.

REVIEW PROCESS:

If the proposal meets Farm Home Plate requirements as outlined within the Zoning Bylaw, the application proceeds directly to Building Permit review. If the proposal requires variations in siting to better support farm operations or accommodate unique site characteristics then the application must meet the criteria set out within DPA 4 Guidelines of the OCP. If such guidelines are not met, the application proceeds to Council for approval as demonstrated below:



ZONING BYLAW AREA & SITING REQUIREMENTS FOR FARM HOME PLATES

Maximum Farm Home Plate Area:

Single Family Dwelling	.....4,000m²
Additional Dwelling (*if applicable*)	Additional 1,000m²

Maximum Farm Home Plate Setbacks:

Distance from front or exterior side lot line to the rear of:

Single Family Dwelling/Additional Dwelling	..... 70m
Farm Home Plate	..... 80m

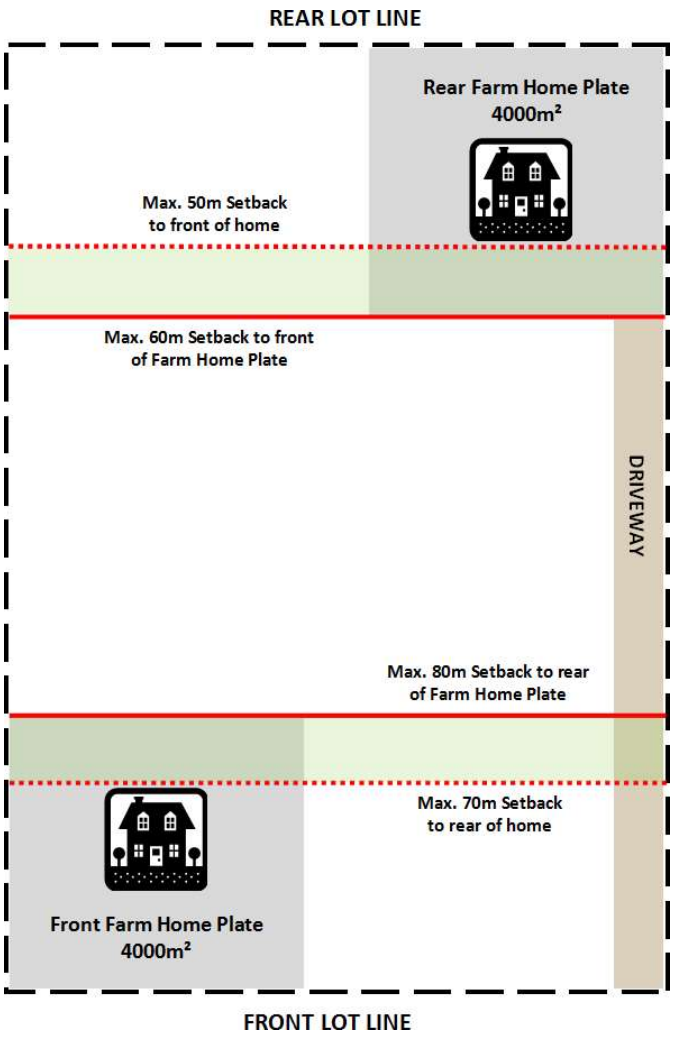
Distance from rear lot line to the front of:

Single Family Dwelling/Additional Dwelling	..... 50m
Farm Home Plate	..... 60m

Provided the access driveway is adjacent to a property line.

Examples of residential and related structures/activities:

- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)
- Temporary Accessory Dwelling Units (TAD)
- Detached garages or carports
- Attached or detached greenhouses or sunrooms
- Residential related workshops and tool/storage sheds
- Artificial ponds not serving farm drainage or irrigation
- Decorative landscaped/recreation areas (e.g. pools)
- Septic tanks and related facilities (excluding sewage disposal fields)



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