



May 10, 2026

This letter will confirm that the property located at 93 Medland Crescent in Toronto qualifies for a laneway house build in the rear portion of the lot, under Toronto's "Changing Lanes" program.

I visited the property on May 9, 2026 and confirmed zoning, siting, emergency access and other appropriate qualifications to certify its eligibility.

The maximum size of a permitted as of right build appears to be approximately 1,052 square feet (over two floors - main and upper), with the ability to include an optional car garage on the main floor, with vehicle entry off the laneway.

A basement is also possible here, adding to the square footage above, but in most cases the floor plate of the basement will be significantly smaller than the ground floor and upper floors, the space cannot usually contain bedrooms or a bathroom or a kitchen, and the cost of basement construction can be significant.

There is a fairly high likelihood of receiving a minor variance here, to increase this to about 1,296 sq. ft., by essentially asking the Committee of Adjustment to ignore the required 1.5m side-lane setback and/or the 1.0m rear setback, due to the unique setting here.

The relatively new (2018) Changing Lanes program from the City of Toronto allows qualifying property owners to construct a laneway house "as of right" on their property, with simple building permit application and no political approval or committee of adjustment approval required. No variances are required and no appeals or "neighbour vetoes" are permitted. The city also waives development cost charges.

Protection of one or more large, mature and protected trees may have some very mild downward pressure on the sizes indicated above, in order to protect tree roots and/or canopy.



Single-vehicle laneway house from Toronto's Eva Lanes - www.evalanes.com

Should you have any questions about 93 Medland Crescent in particular, or the Changing Lanes program in general, please feel free to contact me any time, or visit our website.

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