

Exploring Accessory Dwelling Units Fact Sheet

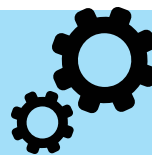


What is an ADU?



- **ADU = Accessory Dwelling Unit**
- They are self-contained living units (includes a kitchen, bathroom and bedroom(s)) on the same property as the main residence.
- ADUs have been around for centuries but they have regained public appeal as an adaptable housing option.
- There are many types of ADUs and they are also fondly referred to as secondary suites, granny flats, and guest houses, etc..
- ADUs are built at individual property owner's discretion.

Types of ADUs



There are three types of ADUs:

- **Conversion/Internal:** Convert a basement or attic into an ADU.
- **Attached:** Expand the house to create an ADU or convert a garage as an ADU.
- **Detached:** Build or convert a freestanding backyard structure as an ADU.

Conversion/Internal



Attached



Detached



Pros and Cons of ADUs



- Offers multigenerational housing.
- Can create supplemental rental income.
- Utilizes existing infrastructure.
- Community and neighborhood compatible.
- Environmentally friendly.
- Flexibility in use and designs.



- Construction can be costly.
- Can typically only be built on single-family properties.
- Property constraints such as septic system design or site conditions can limit development feasibility.
- Overly restrictive regulations can become a barrier to building an ADU.
- If left unregulated, ADUs can be negatively perceived by neighbors.

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