

# ARTICLE 10

## SUPPLEMENTARY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

### SECTION 10.0100 ACCESSORY DWELLINGS

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#### General

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##### **10.0101 Purpose and Applicability**

The purpose of this section is to allow for establishment of an accessory dwelling unit in conjunction with a single-family detached dwelling. An accessory dwelling may be permitted as a means of providing more affordable housing opportunities for young families, empty nesters and others; encouraging additional density with minimal cost and disruption to surrounding neighborhoods; allowing individuals and smaller households to retain large houses as residences; providing convenient care for the elderly and infirm on a long-term basis; and allowing more energy-efficient use of large, older homes.

- A. A proposed Accessory Dwelling need not comply with **Appendix 5.000** of the Community Development Code, except as required to serve the site of the proposed accessory dwelling.
- B. A proposed Accessory Dwelling is not subject to the standards of **Section 10.0200** and its square footage is not included as part of the size limitations of accessory residential structures.
- C. Accessory Dwelling units do not count toward density requirements in LDR-5, LDR-7, TR, TLDR, LDR-PV, VLDR-SW and LDR-SW. Accessory Dwelling units count toward minimum density but not maximum density requirements in all other districts.

#### Standards

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##### **10.0110 Standards**

The Manager shall approve an application for not more than one accessory dwelling per existing primary single-family detached dwelling or single-family attached dwelling if the applicant shows compliance with the following criteria and standards:

##### **Site Standards**

- A. Accessory Dwellings shall be located on the same lot as an existing single-family home.
- B. Accessory Dwellings may be freestanding, located either within or added to a single-family detached dwelling or single-family attached dwelling; over or attached to a garage; or over or attached to a garage or single-family detached or single-family attached home which is under construction. The Accessory Dwelling shall be occupied no sooner than the primary dwelling.

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- C. Accessory Dwellings shall be consistent with the applicable setback, height and lot coverage standards of the land use district; in the case of non-conforming single-family homes, the LDR-7 setbacks and height requirements shall apply to the proposed Accessory Dwelling.
- D. The Accessory Dwelling shall be closer in distance to the primary on-site single-family home than to any homes on abutting lots.
- E. There shall be a minimum 6' separation between Accessory Dwellings and all other structures on the site.
- F. Freestanding Accessory Dwellings shall not exceed the height of the existing single-family dwelling and may not be located in front of the single-family dwelling. In the case of corner lots, the Accessory Dwelling shall be no closer to the side street than the single-family home.

**Building Standards**

- G. An Accessory Dwelling attached to a single-family home shall not result in any new door entrance on an exterior wall facing a front yard property line.
- H. Maximum Floor Area:
  - 1. Attached:
    - a. An Accessory Dwelling shall have a maximum floor area of 900 square feet if attached to or included within a single-family home or built over a garage.
    - b. When attached to the side or back of a freestanding garage, the combined total square footage of the garage and Accessory Dwelling shall not exceed 750 square feet or 50% of the size of the total square footage of the occupiable space of the primary home, whichever is less.
  - 2. Freestanding:
    - a. Free-standing Accessory Dwelling units shall have a maximum floor area of 750 square feet and shall not exceed 50% of the size of the total square footage of the occupiable space of the primary home, whichever is less.
    - b. Freestanding Accessory Dwellings in the DCC, DMU, DTM, DRL-1, DRL-2 and CNRM districts are limited to no more than 750 square feet.
- I. The exterior of the proposed Accessory Dwelling unit shall meet the following standards:
  - 1. Exterior finish materials shall:
    - a. Be the same as or visually match in type, size and placement, the exterior finish material of the on-site primary dwelling, or
    - b. Be comprised of wood, composite boards, cement fiber, or factory finished metals in a shingle or horizontal clapboard pattern.
  - 2. Roof pitch shall:
    - a. Be the same as the predominant roof pitch of the on-site primary home, or
    - b. Be at least 6/12.
  - 3. Window and door trim shall:
    - a. Be of the same type, size, and location as that used on the on-site primary home, or
    - b. Be at least 3-1/2 inches wide.
  - 4. Windows shall:
    - a. Match those on the street facing façade of the on-site primary home in orientation, or

