



City of Grover Beach

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City of Grover Beach Streamlines the Accessory Dwelling Unit Development Process

Grover Beach, CA – Following the state’s lead, the City of Grover Beach is making it easier for residents to develop [accessory dwelling units \(ADUs\)](#). The Community Development Department created pre-approved ADU plans to assist property owners with the design, permitting and construction of ADUs.

An ADU is a small living space for one or more individuals on the property of a single-family residence. All ADUs must include a separate entrance, permanent kitchen, sleeping area, living area and bathroom. A junior accessory dwelling unit (JADU) is a converted living space that is part of a single-family home. These living spaces ADUs can be used for family, friends, caregivers or as long-term rentals. Owners can rent ADUs and JADUs but cannot sell them as individual property.

“Streamlining our ADU permitting process will help expand access to affordable housing in Grover Beach. ADUs can also benefit homeowners by serving as another source of income,” said Grover Beach Mayor Karen Bright. “Our permitting and construction guidelines will ensure that we maintain the close-knit community that we value here in Grover Beach.”

The State of California is trying to increase access to affordable housing by promoting ADUs and JADUs. In January 2020, multiple [state bills](#) that simplify developing ADUs went into effect. To address these new state laws, the City Council adopted [changes to the Municipal Code](#) in 2020. The changes to the Municipal Code make the ADU development process easier and more cost-effective.

In addition, the Community Development Department created a collection of [Pre-Reviewed ADU plans](#) to make the development process as easy as possible. These plans have been reviewed and approved by the City. Residents just have to choose the size, architectural style and the finishes for a streamlined permitting experience.

Homeowners can create ADUs by modifying their homes or constructing a separate living space on their property. For example, an ADU can be an apartment over a garage or a detached living space in the backyard of a single-family home. A homeowner can also convert an existing attached or detached garage or storage space into an ADU by adding full living amenities. A JADU can be a converted garage that connects to a home and shares a bathroom with the main house.

"Expanding access to accessory dwelling units is a win-win for everyone in the City of Grover Beach," said Grover Beach City Manager Matt Bronson. "Not only will it provide more affordable housing options for residents, but it will also increase the City's housing supply and support sustainable growth in our community."



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Residents can learn more about ADUs and the permitting process on the [City's website](#) or by contacting the Community Development Department at comdev@groverbeach.org or 805-473-4520.

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