

ADU ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Department of Regional Planning seeks to amend the Los Angeles County Code, Title 22 – Planning and Zoning, to update development standards with State statutory requirements for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and junior accessory dwelling units (JADUs) in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The Ordinance Amendment also includes a change to Title 11 for consistency.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Ordinance Amendment includes:

1. Accommodations for animal-keeping in proximity to ADUs and JADUs.
2. Amendments to definitions for ADUs and JADUs to conform with changes to State law.
3. Amendments to local development standards and processing timelines pursuant to State law.
4. Establishment of objective planning standards for ADUs in County Historic Landmarks, Historic Districts, and Mills Act Contract Properties.
5. Codification of statewide exemption ADUs, to which local development standards do not apply.

BACKGROUND

Since the adoption of the County's current ADU Ordinance in 2019, State law has been amended to increasingly emphasize ADUs as a key strategy to address the housing crisis. The Ordinance Amendment simplifies the review process for both ADUs and JADUs, and ensures that the County's ADU regulations comply with State law.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

We anticipate scheduling the Ordinance Amendment for a public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission in Spring 2024, and then afterward before the Board of Supervisors.

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The Ordinance Amendment is available for review at <https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/adu-ordinance-amendment/>. Stay tuned for additional updates. Please direct your comments and suggestions to Ken Warner in the Ordinance Studies Section at kwerner@planning.lacounty.gov.