# Accessory Dwelling Units

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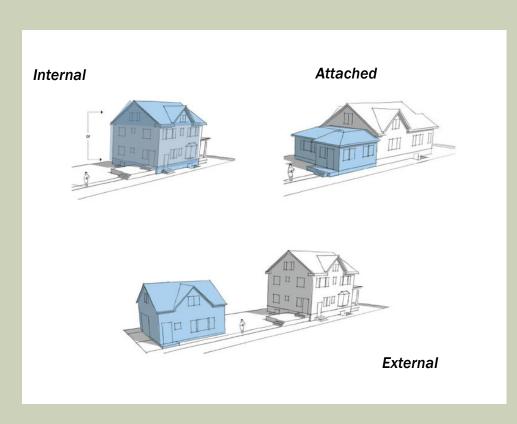
## PROCESS UPDATE

- Released for Public Hearing on December 18, 2015
- Public hearing held on February 5, 2016
  - Five people provided testimony at the public hearing
  - Received 36 written comments
  - Majority of comments received from outside the affected area
  - Fairly even mix of support and nonsupport for ADUs
- Returned to Comprehensive Planning Committee with revised recommendation on March 29, 2015
- Presented proposed revisions to the St. Anthony Park Community Council's Land Use Committee on April 7, 2016
- Requesting to forward to City Council with recommendation to approve

### Permitted in the following zoning districts:

- R1-R4 (one-family residential)
- RT1-RT2 (two-family and townhouse residential)
- RM1 RM2 (low- and medium-density multi-family residential)
- T1-T3 (traditional neighborhood)

#### Types of Units



- Public comment was mixed on allowing external or detached unit type
- Key difference between City proposal and D12 Task Force
- Recommendation: Permit internal, attached, and external units

#### **Unit Requirements**

- Public Testimony
  - Limit height of external/detached units to 20 feet or height of the principal structure
  - Require 20-foot setback of detached structure from principal structure
- Recommendation
  - Limit height to 25 feet of height of principal structure
  - No additional regulation on setback of detached ADUs beyond what is required for other accessory structures

#### **Lot Location**

- Testimony: Some interest in permitting ADUs beyond a ½ mile of University Avenue
- Recommendation:
  - Maintain ½ mile of University Avenue location.
  - Potential to expand into other areas of the city in the future should the Planning Commission and City Council decide to study that option

#### **Lot Size**

- Testimony: None
- Continue recommendations of 5,000 sq. ft. minimum size

### **Unit Occupancy**

- Public Testimony
  - Concern over "second generation" issue
  - D12's Task Force recommended "reasonable enforcement" of the owner occupancy requirement
- Recommendation
  - Continue to only permit one ADU per lot
  - Continue to require owner occupancy
  - Continue to allow up to definition of one family
  - Require submittal of an annual affidavit and fee to affirm that owner is living on property
  - Addition of a language to allow release from restrictive covenant should ADU be de-converted

#### Unit Size

- Public Testimony
  - 300 sq. ft. minimum size was too restrictive
  - 800 sq. ft. maximum size was too restrictive
- Recommendation
  - Eliminate minimum size requirement, but maximum remains 800 sq. ft.
  - Add requirement that a principal structure must be 1,000 sq. ft. in size to add an internal unit
  - Continue requirement that ADU cannot exceed 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the floor area of the principal structure if interior
  - Allowed more flexibility for existing multistory structures to allow an ADU to occupy an area equal to the first floor (over 800 sq. ft.), but cannot exceed ½ of the structures floor area

### Access and entrances

- Public Testimony: Interest from Planning Commission to examine need of internal stairs
- Recommendations
  - Require primary stairways remain interior for internal upper-floor ADUs
  - Secondary set of stairs for fire-safety can be external, but cannot be on the front of the house
  - Detached units could have external stairs
  - Any external stairs would need to be made of durable materials that match the building and cannot be built from raw or unfinished lumber
  - Continue requirement for walkway from street to ADU

### **Parking**

- Public Testimony: General concern over increased street parking.
- Recommendation: No additional parking if requirement already met for single-family home.

### **Ownership**

- No public testimony
- Recommendation: ADU cannot be sold separately from the primary unit

### **THANK YOU**

## QUESTIONS?

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