

## Q: What is an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)?

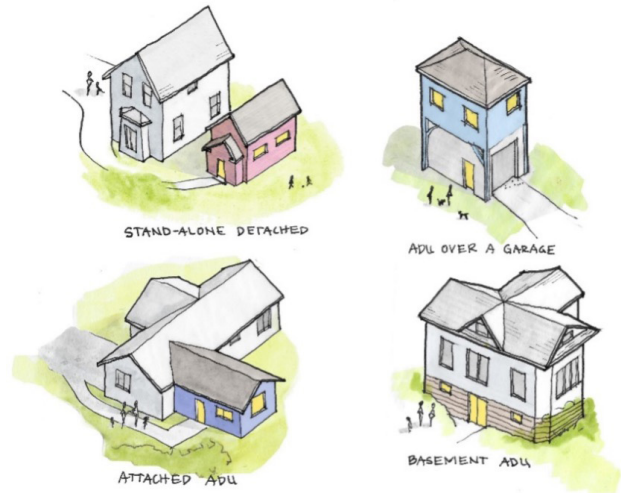
An accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is a self-contained living space with its own kitchen and bathroom. It can be used by the property owner or rented out.

To be defined as an ADU, the unit must be located on the same lot as the single-family primary residence. The property owner must reside in either the primary residence or the ADU.

## Q: What type of ADUs can I build?

Accessory dwelling units can be either attached or detached from the primary residence.

Examples of attached ADU locations include a basement or an addition. Detached ADUs can be located above a garage structure or as standalone buildings. Planning staff can assist with determining your options.



## Q: How big and how many ADUs can I have?

Only one attached ADU is allowed, but multiple detached ADUs can be allowed. The number of detached ADUs depends on the size and characteristics of your lot.

Lot Size	Max No.	Max Combined Size of All ADUs*
7,200 square feet+	1	500 square feet
14,500 square feet+	1	800 square feet
43,500 square feet+ / 1 acre+	2	1,200 square feet
5 acres+	3	1,600 square feet

\*One or all units combined cannot exceed maximum combined size.

The maximum height allowed for detached ADUs is 15ft.





# ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

FAQ

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## Q: What's required to plan for and build an ADU?

- Building plans/floor plan
- Kitchen and bathroom
- Site plan with proposed location of ADU
- Driveway and dedicated parking
- Separate water connection
- Septic system capacity or connection to sewer

*\*Applicant must provide as-built septic records or septic design in order to evaluate potential of existing septic system to accommodate additional ADU bedroom(s). ADU may require upgrades to septic system.*

*\*Funding assistance from Indian Health Services (IHS) may be available for water & sewer or septic service. Contact Tulalip Utilities Dept. 360-716-4840.*

## Q: Where can't I build an ADU?

- Too close to wetland, stream, or steep slope
- On top of or too close to a septic tank, drain field, or utility lines
- On lots with existing duplex, triplex, or multifamily apartment

*\*For assistance with siting your ADU and for help locating existing utilities contact the Planning Department.*

## Q: What other regulations may apply?

- Impervious surface limits (e.g. roofs and driveways)
- Building setbacks
- Building and energy codes
- Zoning

The Planning Department can provide more information about how these regulations apply to your lot and proposed development.

## Q: Who should I contact if I have questions?

Contact the Tulalip Planning Department for further questions or to schedule an in person pre-application meeting to discuss a proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit. See phone number and email on FAQ flyer above.

**Thank you! t'igwicid**



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