

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 11 – Health and Safety and Title 22 – Planning and Zoning of the Los Angeles County Code to update development standards with State statutory requirements for accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-0029

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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 11.16.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.16.090 Keeping ~~a~~Animals and ~~b~~Birds – Location ~~r~~Restrictions and ~~s~~Sanitation ~~r~~Requirements.

A person shall not keep any animal, fowl or bird, wild or domestic, other than cats, dogs, canaries or birds of the psittacine family, within 35 feet of any restaurant, food establishment, residence, or dwelling, or other building used for the habitation of human beings, or within 100 feet of any school building, hospital building or similar institution building. It is unlawful to keep or maintain a premises, yard, coop or building in which fowl or animals are maintained in a foul or insanitary condition. The provisions of this ~~s~~Section regarding distances shall not apply to accredited laboratories regulated by the California Department of Health Services or accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units regulated by Section 22.140.640 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Dwelling Units).

SECTION 2. Section 22.14.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.14.010 A.

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Accessory dwelling unit and junior accessory dwelling unit. The following terms are defined for the purposes of Section 22.140.160640 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units):

Accessory dwelling unit. A dwelling unit with independent exterior access that is either attached to, located within the existing living area, or detached from and located on the same lot as a single-family or multi-family residential building residence, including mixed use development. This term includes a senior citizen residence, a second unit, and an accessory dwelling unit approved prior to May 30, 2019. This term also includes a manufactured home, as defined in section 18007 of the California Health and Safety Code, and an efficiency unit, as defined in section 17958.1 of the California Health and Safety Code. An accessory dwelling unit is accessory to the principal residential use and does not count toward the allowable density for the purposes of zoning or General Plan consistency. An accessory dwelling unit includes permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

Junior accessory dwelling unit. A dwelling unit, with independent exterior access, that is no more than 500 square feet in size and contained entirely within the footprint of a single-family residence, including an attached garage. A junior accessory dwelling unit may include separate sanitation facilities, or may share sanitation facilities with the

single-family residence, as set forth in section 65852.22(h)(1) of the California Government Code, or a successor provision.

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SECTION 3. Section 22.18.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.18.030 Land Use Regulations for Zones R-A, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, and R-5.

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C. Use Regulations.

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2. Accessory Uses. Table 22.18.030-C, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each accessory use.

TABLE 22.18.030-C: ACCESSORY USE REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL ZONES							
	R-A	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	Additional Regulations
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Accessory buildings and structures, unless more specifically regulated by this Title 22	As determined by the principal use.						Sections 22.110.030, 22.110.040
Accessory dwelling units ⁴	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	Section 22.140.640
...							
Home-based occupations	P	P	P	P	P	P	Section 22.140.290
Junior accessory dwelling units ⁴	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	Section 22.140.640
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Notes:							
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4. Use may be subject to a Revised Exhibit "A" (Chapter 22.184) application if the principal residential use is subject to a Conditional Use Permit (Chapter 22.158) application.							

SECTION 4. Section 22.70.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.70.050 Development Standards.

A. General Development Standards.

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2. Stable and Corral.

a. Animals shall be kept in a stable or fenced corral.

b. No part of any stable or corral shall be located within 35 feet from any existing habitable structure except for an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit regulated by Section 22.140.640 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units).

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SECTION 5. Section 22.124.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.124.140 Certificate of Appropriateness – When Required.

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B. A certificate of appropriateness shall not be required for work which the Director determines constitutes any of the following:

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4. Work which is necessary to correct an unsafe condition, pursuant to Section 22.124.220 (Unsafe or Dangerous Conditions).

5. Construction of an accessory dwelling unit, pursuant to Section 22.140.640 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units).

SECTION 6. Section 22.140.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.140.070 Animal Keeping, Noncommercial or Personal Use.

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D. Setback from Residences. Any structure used for housing any animal, fowl, or bird, wild or domestic, other than cats, dogs, canaries, or birds of the psittacine family and including corrals and fencing, shall be established at least 35 feet from any residence, except for an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit regulated by Section 22.140.640 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units).

SECTION 7. Section 22.140.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.140.290 Home-Based Occupations.

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C. Development Standards. Home-based occupations shall comply with the following standards:

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5. Only one home-based occupation is permitted per dwelling unit. ~~A primary dwelling unit may not be used for a home-based occupation, if there is a home-based occupation in an accessory dwelling unit on the same lot.~~

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SECTION 8. Section 22.140.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.140.640 Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory

Dwelling Units.

A. Purpose. This Section ~~is to provide~~s for the development of accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units with appropriate development restrictions, pursuant to ~~sections 65852.2 and 65852.22~~Chapter 13 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the California Government Code.

B. Applicability. This Section applies to accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units in all zones where permitted, except that in a Coastal Zone, as defined in Division 2 (Definitions of Title 22), accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units shall be subject to the regulations set forth in an applicable Local Coastal Program.

C. Prohibited Areas. Accessory dwelling units, except for those described in Subsection H, below, shall be prohibited in areas as specified below:

1. ~~Accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units shall be prohibited in the following areas:~~

a. ~~On lots that are located in the area between Old Topanga Canyon Road, the Coastal Zone boundary, the City of Calabasas, and the City of Los Angeles; and~~

b. ~~On lots that are located in the Santa Monica Mountains North Area and only have vehicular access from Lobo Canyon Road or Triunfo Canyon Road.~~

2. ~~Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.~~

a1. Where a lot, or any portion thereof, is located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, as depicted in the General Plan, ~~and a Hillside Management Area, as depicted in the General Plan, other than those described in Section 22.104.030.D,~~ an accessory dwelling unit ~~or a junior accessory dwelling unit,~~ except for those described in Subsection H, below, shall be prohibited on the lot, unless it has two distinct means of vehicular access to a highway that meet the following requirements:

ia. The two distinct means of vehicular access, as measured from the lot frontage to the point of intersection with a highway, shall not overlap with each other. For example, see Figure 22.140.640-A, below;

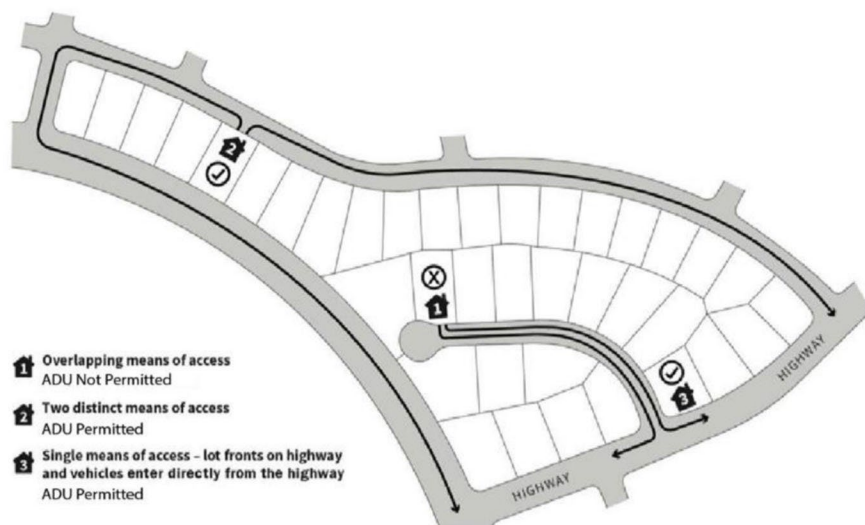
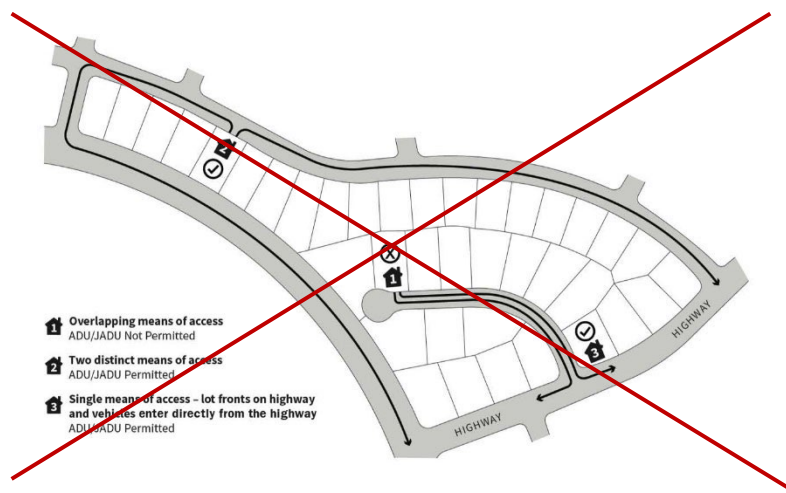
iiib. Each distinct means of vehicular access shall ~~contain~~ ~~pavement of~~ be at least 24 feet in width, exclusive of sidewalks; and

iiiie. Each distinct means of access shall be built to ~~public street~~ standards approved by Public Works.

~~b. Where a lot or any portion thereof is located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and is not located within a Hillside Management Area, an accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit shall be prohibited on the lot, unless it has two distinct means of vehicular access from the lot to a highway that meet the requirements in Subsection C.2.a, above, except that the means of vehicular access may include an unpaved road of at least 24 feet in width maintained by Public Works.~~

c2. Notwithstanding Subsections C.2.a and C.2.b1, above, accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units shall be permitted on lots with a single means of vehicular access, if such lots front a highway and vehicles enter directly from the highway. For example, see Figure 22.140.640-A, below.

FIGURE 22.140.640-A: VEHICULAR ACCESS REQUIREMENTS IN THE VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE



D. Review and Decision.

1. General. A decision on an application for an accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit shall be made within 60 days of ~~application~~ submittal of a complete application.

2. If an application for an accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit is submitted concurrently with a Ministerial Site Plan Review (Chapter 22.186), or a ~~Revised Exhibit "A" (Chapter 22.184) Conditional Use Permit (Chapter 22.158)~~ application, for a new single-family or multi-family residence on the lot, a decision on the application for the accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit may be delayed until a decision on the application for the new single-family or multi-family residence is made.

3. If the applicant requests a delay in writing, the 60-day time period shall be tolled for the period of the delay.

4. If an application for an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit is denied, a full set of comments shall be returned to the applicant within the time period described in Subsections D.1 through D.3, above, with a list of items that are defective or deficient and a description of how the applicant can be remedied by the applicant.

E. Maximum Number of Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units. Table 22.140.640-A, below, identifies the maximum number of accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units permitted on a lot:

TABLE 22.140.640-A: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS PERMITTED ON A LOT		
Principal Use on a Lot	Maximum Number	
	Accessory Dwelling Units	Junior Accessory Dwelling Units
One proposed or existing, legally-built single-family residence in any zone that allows residential use	<u>1 attached to or within a single-family residence or accessory structure, and</u> <u>1 detached from residences</u>	1
Any proposed or existing, legally-built housing type other than one single multi-family residence in any zone that allows residential use	4 or 25 percent of existing principal dwelling units, whichever is greater, converted from spaces attached to <u>or within existing residential building(s);¹ and</u> 2 detached from existing residential building(s) residences	-
<u>Note:</u>		
<u>1. When the calculation results in a fractional number, the result shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number. These accessory dwelling units may include, but are not limited to, conversions of habitable or unhabitable space or additions to residences.</u>		

F. Use Restrictions. An accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit shall be subject to all of the following use restrictions:

1. Ownership. An accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit shall not be sold separately from the principal residential building(s) on the same lot, except as provided in section 66341 of the California Government Code.

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G. Accessory Dwelling Unit Development Standards. The development standards in this Subsection apply to any accessory dwelling unit not described by Subsection H, below.

1. Accessory Dwelling Units.

a. Floor Area.

i. Minimum. An accessory dwelling unit shall have a minimum floor area of 150 square feet, with one habitable room with a minimum floor area of 70 square feet.

ii. Maximum.

(1) General.

(a) The maximum floor area of an accessory dwelling unit shall be 1,200 square feet, if ~~the accessory dwelling unit is any of the following except~~ as provided in Subsection (b), below;

(i) ~~A new detached structure; or~~

(ii) ~~The result of the conversion of an existing, legally built accessory structure with an addition to expand the floor area of said structure by more than 150 square feet.~~

(b) There is no maximum floor area for an accessory dwelling unit, if the accessory dwelling unit is any of the following:

(i) Entirely within an existing, ~~legally-built~~ single-family or multi-family ~~residential building~~ residence; or

(ii) The result of the conversion of an existing, ~~legally built~~ accessory structure, with an expansion of not more than 150 square feet beyond the same physical dimensions of said structure, solely for the purpose of accommodating ingress and egress.

~~(c) For an attached accessory dwelling unit not described in Subsections G.1.a.ii.(1)(a)(ii) or G.1.a.ii.(1)(b), above, the total floor area of the attached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 50 percent of the habitable area of the single-family residence at the time of application submittal, or 1,200 square feet, whichever is less, provided at least an 800 square foot accessory dwelling unit is allowed.~~

(2) Planning Area Standards Districts, Community Standards Districts, and Specific Plans. Accessory dwelling units shall not be subject to any Planning Area Standards District, Community Standards District, or Specific Plan provision pertaining to floor area, gross structural area, or lot coverage.

b. Height.

i. The maximum height of an attached or detached accessory dwelling unit on a lot with an existing or proposed single-family or multi-family residence shall be 25 feet.

ii. ~~The maximum height for detached accessory dwelling units on a lot containing an existing multi-family dwelling structure or structures shall be 16 feet.~~

iii. There is no maximum height for an accessory dwelling unit, if the accessory dwelling unit is any of the following:

(1) Entirely within an existing, ~~legally-built~~ single-family or multi-family ~~residential building~~ residence; or

(2) The result of the conversion of an existing, ~~legally built~~ accessory structure with an expansion of not more than 150 square feet beyond the same physical dimensions of said structure, limited to accommodating ingress and egress.

iviii. Planning Area Standards Districts, Community Standards Districts, and Specific Plans. Any new accessory dwelling unit, or expanded portion of an existing structure that is part of a proposed accessory dwelling unit, shall not exceed the maximum height specified in a Planning Area Standards District, Community Standards District, or Specific Plan, or 25 feet, whichever is less, provided that the maximum height allows a minimum 16-foot-high accessory dwelling unit. at least the following heights are allowed:

(1) A height of 16 feet for a detached accessory dwelling unit;

(2) A height of 18 feet for a detached accessory dwelling unit, with an additional two feet in height to accommodate a roof pitch that is aligned with the roof pitch of the existing or proposed single-family or multi-family residence, if it is on a lot that is within one-half mile walking distance of a major transit stop or a high-quality transit corridor as those terms are defined in section 2155 of the Public Resources Code; and

(3) A height of 18 feet for a detached accessory dwelling unit on a lot with an existing or proposed multi-family residence.

iv. Proximity to Scenic Resources. Notwithstanding Subsection G.1.b-iviii, above, if any new accessory dwelling unit, or expanded portion of an existing structure that is part of a proposed accessory dwelling unit, is located within 200 feet of an adopted route with scenic qualities, Scenic Route, Scenic Drive, or Scenic Highway, the new accessory dwelling unit or expanded portion shall not exceed the height of the single-family or multi-family ~~residential building~~residence, or 18 feet, whichever is less, provided ~~that the maximum height allows a minimum 16-foot-high accessory dwelling unit~~at least the heights in Subsection G.1.b.iii.1 to G.1.b.iii.3, above, are allowed.

c. Required Yards.

i. ~~The depth of a yard between the existing structure and an existing lot line shall be deemed the required yard depth.~~An accessory dwelling unit of 800 square feet or less may encroach into the required front yard setback, provided there is no other location on the property where the accessory dwelling unit could be constructed at the ground level.

ii. No setback is required, if the accessory dwelling unit is any of the following:

(1) Entirely within an existing, ~~legally-built~~ single-family or multi-family residence; or

(2) The result of the conversion of an existing, ~~legally-built~~ accessory structure with no expansion of the floor area of said

structure, or constructed in the same location and to the same dimensions as an existing structure, except as specified in Subsection G.1.c.iv, below.

iii. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in this Title 22, a four-foot setback is required ~~F~~for an accessory dwelling unit not described in Subsection G.1.~~d~~.ii, above:

(1) Any new accessory dwelling unit, or expanded portion of an existing structure that is part of a proposed accessory dwelling unit, shall be at least four feet from the rear, interior side, and corner side lot lines, ~~notwithstanding any contrary provisions in this Title 22.~~

(2) An accessory dwelling unit that is built above a garage shall be at least four feet from the reversed corner side lot line, ~~notwithstanding any contrary provisions in this Title 22.~~

(3) An accessory dwelling unit shall not be subject to any step-back requirements in this Title 22.

iv. Any new accessory dwelling unit, or expanded portion of an existing structure that is part of a proposed accessory dwelling unit, shall comply with all of the requirements in Section 22.110.090 (Projections into Yards), unless a greater projection is necessary to ensure the accessory dwelling unit functions as an independent living facility, provided projections shall be no closer than two and one-half feet from the property line. Where no setback is required, projections shall not encroach the property line.

d. Parking.

i. Parking Outside Very High Fire Hazard Severity

Zones. No parking shall be required for an accessory dwelling unit that is located outside of a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

ii. Parking Within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

(1) Parking for an accessory dwelling unit located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 22.112 (Parking), unless any of the following exceptions are met, in which case no parking shall be required:

(4a) The accessory dwelling unit has no bedroom;

(2) ~~The accessory dwelling unit is detached, with a maximum floor area of 800 square feet and a maximum height of 16 feet, and is located on a lot with a proposed or existing single-family residence;~~

(3) ~~The accessory dwelling unit is detached, with a maximum height of 16 feet and minimum rear and side yard depths of four feet, and is located on a lot with an existing multi-family residential building;~~

(4) ~~The accessory dwelling unit is entirely within an existing, legally built single-family or multi-family residential building;~~

(5) ~~The accessory dwelling unit is the result of the conversion of an existing, legally built accessory structure with an expansion of~~

~~not more than 150 square feet beyond the same physical dimensions of said structure, limited to accommodating ingress and egress;~~

(6b) The accessory dwelling unit is located within one-half mile walking distance of public transit, as that term is defined in section 66313 of the California Government Code;

(7e) The accessory dwelling unit is located within ~~an architecturally and historically significant~~ historic district;

(d) The accessory dwelling unit is part of the proposed or existing single-family or multi-family residence or an accessory structure;

(8e) When on-street parking permits are required, but not offered to the occupant of the accessory dwelling unit; ~~or~~

(9f) When there is a car share vehicle location within one block of the accessory dwelling unit; or

(g) When a permit application for an accessory dwelling unit is submitted with a permit application to create a new single-family or a new multi-family residence on the same lot, provided the accessory dwelling unit or the parcel satisfies any other criteria in this Subsection G.1.d.ii.1.

iii.(2) When a garage, carport, or covered parking structure is demolished in conjunction with the construction of an accessory dwelling unit or converted into an accessory dwelling unit, no replacement

parking shall be required for the accessory dwelling unit or single-family or multi-family ~~residential building~~residence.

~~iv.(3)~~ When parking is required for the accessory dwelling unit or single-family or multi-family ~~residential building~~residence, such parking may be located on a driveway, or in an area previously used as a driveway to a garage or carport that has since been demolished in conjunction with the construction of an accessory dwelling unit or converted into an accessory dwelling unit and may be provided as tandem parking.

e. Distance from Publicly Dedicated Open Space. In any Fire Hazard Severity Zone, as defined in Title 32 (Fire Code) of the County Code, an accessory dwelling unit shall be located at least 200 feet from publicly dedicated open space, provided an accessory dwelling unit of at least 800 square feet with side and rear yard setbacks of at least four feet is allowed.

f. ~~Roof and Exterior Siding Materials~~County Historic Landmarks, Historic Districts, and Mills Act Contract Properties. ~~An accessory dwelling unit shall comply with Section 22.140.580.D (Roof and Exterior Siding Materials).~~

i. Development Standards – New Accessory Dwelling Units or Accessory Dwelling Units Converted from Existing Non-Contributing Accessory Structures.

(1) The height of a new detached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed the maximum height in Subsection G.1.b, above, or the height of the existing single-family residence or multi-family residence, whichever is

less, provided at least the heights in Subsection G.1.b.iii.1 to G.1.b.iii.3, above, are allowed.

(2) The height of a new attached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed the maximum height in Subsection G.1.b, above.

(3) The architectural style and following elements of a new accessory dwelling unit or accessory dwelling unit converted from an existing non-contributing accessory structure shall be the same as the single-family or multi-family residence, as applicable: roof style, pitch, and shingle material; eave style and depth; siding material type, frame material, orientation, and material; chimney style and material; fenestration patterns; window type, vertical/horizontal orientation, and size; external door style and material; and external fixtures, such as lights.

(4) Solar shingle roofing is an acceptable alternative to asphalt composition or wood shingle roofing.

(5) Vinyl windows and windows with artificial muntin are prohibited.

(6) Design Elements.

(a) Design elements that are not on the single-family or multi-family residence are prohibited.

(b) Design elements, such as dormers, bay windows, arched windows, and shutters, shall be the same as the design elements on the single-family or multi-family residence scaled to the accessory dwelling unit.

(7) New Construction Accessory Dwelling Unit

Attached to an Existing Primary Residence.

(a) Location. To the extent feasible, the accessory dwelling unit shall be located in the rear yard and shall not be visible from the public right-of-way. If locating the accessory dwelling unit in the rear yard is infeasible, then the accessory dwelling unit may be located in the side yard. If locating the accessory dwelling unit in the side yard is infeasible, then the accessory dwelling unit may be located in the front yard.

(b) Development Standards. The accessory dwelling unit shall be differentiated from the historic building by setting the accessory dwelling unit back from the historic structure's facade and using different window detailing. The window-to-wall ratio of an accessory dwelling unit should be similar to that of the historic building. An accessory dwelling unit in the side yard shall be set back from the primary facade at least four feet. New dormers constructed on the primary residence for attic conversions shall be located on the rear facade only, and the roof of the dormer(s) shall be set back 10 percent one each of the four sides of the portion of the primary residence's roof that the dormer is located on subject to Subsection G.1.c.iii, above. Accessory dwelling units shall not obscure or damage character-defining features, such as ornamental details, railing, windows, doors, porches, brackets, or roof lines.

ii. Development Standards – Existing Contributing
Accessory Dwelling Units and Accessory Dwelling Units Converted from Existing
Contributing Accessory Structures.

(1) Demolishing or moving an existing contributing
accessory dwelling unit or moving an existing contributing accessory structure to
convert to an accessory dwelling unit is prohibited.

(2) Character-defining features of an existing
accessory dwelling unit or an existing contributing space or accessory structure that is
converted to an accessory dwelling unit shall be preserved in place.

(3) Facades for an existing accessory dwelling unit
or contributing accessory structure that is converted to an accessory dwelling unit
visible from the public right-of-way may not be altered. Visible from the public
right-of-way shall mean visible from the public right-of-way in the absence of site
features that may be impermanent, such as landscaping or fencing.

H. Development Standards – State-Exempt Accessory Dwelling Units.

1. The following accessory dwelling units shall be permitted, subject
only to the following development standards:

a. On a lot with a proposed or existing single-family residence:

i. One accessory dwelling unit is within the proposed or
existing single-family residence, provided all of the following are met:

(1) The accessory dwelling unit is within the
proposed or existing space of a single-family dwelling or existing space of a

single-family residence or accessory structure and may include an expansion of not more than 150 square feet beyond the physical dimensions of the existing structure solely to accommodate ingress and egress;

(2) The space has exterior access from the proposed or existing single-family residence; and

(3) The side and rear setbacks are sufficient for fire and safety.

ii. One new detached accessory dwelling unit with four-foot side and rear yard setbacks on a lot with a proposed or existing single-family residence. The floor area of the accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 800 square feet, with a height limitation as provided in Subsections G.1.b.iii.1 or G.1.b.iii.2, above, as applicable.

b. On a lot with a proposed existing multi-family residence:

i. A minimum of one accessory dwelling unit and maximum of 25 percent of the existing number of dwelling units, if the accessory dwelling unit(s) are proposed within the portions of existing multi-family residences that are not used as livable space, including, but not limited to, storage rooms, boiler rooms, passageways, attics, basements, or garages, and each accessory dwelling unit complies with State building standards for dwelling units.

ii. A maximum of two detached accessory dwelling is on a lot with an existing or proposed multi-family residence, provided each accessory dwelling unit has four-foot side and rear yard setbacks, a maximum height as provided

in Subsections G.1.b.iii.1 to G.1.b.iii.3, and a maximum size as provided in

Subsection G.1.a.ii.a, above.

2. Junior Accessory Dwelling Units.

a. One junior accessory dwelling unit per lot zoned for single-family residences with a proposed or existing single-family residence may be constructed, provided all of the following are met:

i. The junior accessory dwelling unit is within the space of an existing or proposed single-family residence; and

ii. The space has exterior access from the proposed or existing single-family residence.

~~ab.~~ Floor Area.

i. ~~Maximum Facilities.~~ A junior accessory dwelling unit shall ~~not exceed 500 square feet in size and shall~~ contain at least an efficiency kitchen, which includes a cooking facility with appliances and a food preparation counter and storage cabinets that are of reasonable size in relation to the junior accessory dwelling unit.

ii. ~~Planning Area Standards Districts, Community Standards Districts,~~ Community Standards Districts, and Specific Plans. The junior accessory dwelling unit shall not be subject to any Planning Area Standards District, Community Standards District, or Specific Plan provision pertaining to floor area, gross structural area, or lot coverage.

~~be.~~ Separate Entrance. A junior accessory dwelling unit shall have a separate entrance from the single-family residence.

~~ed.~~ Access to Bathroom. Access to a bathroom shall be required, which may be part of the square footage of the junior accessory dwelling unit or located within the existing single-family residence. If the unit's bathroom is provided as part of the single-family residence, the junior accessory dwelling unit shall have interior access to the main living area of the single-family residence.

~~He.~~ Covenant Requirement for Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit. The owner shall record a covenant in a form prescribed by the County, which shall run with the land for the benefit of the County and provide for the following:

~~4i.~~ A prohibition on the sale of the junior accessory dwelling unit separate from the sale of the single-family residence, including a statement that this may be enforced against future purchasers;

~~2ii.~~ A restriction on the size and attributes of the junior accessory dwelling unit consistent with this Section; and

~~3iii.~~ A requirement that either the ~~primary~~remaining portion of the single-family residence or the junior accessory dwelling unit be the owner's bona fide principal residence, unless the owner is a governmental agency, land trust, or housing organization.

~~4f.~~ Owner Occupancy. ~~4.~~If a property contains a junior accessory dwelling unit, either the single-family residence or junior accessory dwelling unit shall be the principal residence of at least one legal owner of the lot, as evidenced at the time of approval of the junior accessory dwelling unit by appropriate documents of title and residency, unless the property is owned by a governmental agency, land trust,

or housing organization. A junior accessory dwelling unit is not permitted on a lot owned by a corporate entity.

3. The accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units described in Subsections H.1 and H.2, above, may be combined in the same lot in the following ways:

a. An accessory dwelling unit described in Subsection H.1.a.i, above, or a junior accessory dwelling unit described in Subsection H.2.a, above, or both, may be combined with an accessory dwelling unit described in Subsection H.1.a.ii, above.

b. Accessory dwelling units described in Subsection H.1.b.i, above, may be combined with accessory dwelling units described in Subsection H.1.b.ii, above.

2l. Release of Owner-Occupancy Covenant. The County releases its interest in any covenant for an accessory dwelling unit that required owner-occupancy in perpetuity of either the single-family residence or the accessory dwelling unit that is located on the same lot, recorded in the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, running with the land for the benefit of the County.

J. Planning Area Standards Districts, Community Standards Districts, and Specific Plans. Planning Area Standards Districts, Community Standards Districts, and Specific Plans objective development standards shall apply. Where the regulations in this Section are contrary to the provisions in a Planning Area Standards District, Community Standards District, or Specific Plan regulating the same matter, the

provisions of the Community Standards District or Specific Plan shall prevail, ~~with the following exceptions:~~

~~1. Use. Neither Community Standards Districts nor Specific Plans shall prohibit or require a discretionary permit for an accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit in areas where residential uses are permitted; and~~

~~2. Development Standards. As specified otherwise in this Section.~~

K. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this Title 22, the approval of an accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit shall not be subject to the correction of any nonconforming zoning condition, including buildings or structures nonconforming due to standards or use, as defined in Section 22.14.020 of Division 2 (Definitions), provided that the lot is in a zone that ~~allows~~ residential use.

L. To the extent that any provision of this Title 22 is in conflict with ~~law sections 65852.2 or 65852.22~~ Chapter 13 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the California Government Code, the applicable provision of State law shall control, but all other provisions of this Title 22 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Section 22.172.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.172.020 Regulations Applicable.

The following regulations shall apply to all nonconforming uses and to all buildings or structures nonconforming due to use and/or standards as specified herein:

. . .

B. Additions to a Nonconforming Use or a Building or Structure Nonconforming Due to Use and/or Standards. This Section does not authorize the

extension, expansion, or enlargement of the area of land or the area within a building or structure devoted to a nonconforming use, or the alteration, enlargement of, or addition to a building or structure nonconforming due to use and/or standards, or permit the addition of land, buildings, or structures used in conjunction with a nonconforming use or a building or structure nonconforming due to use and/or standards except:

. . .

2. Additions may be made to a building nonconforming due to use and/or standards which is designed for and used as a residence without requiring any additional parking space or driveway paving; provided, that such additions neither increase the number of dwelling units in such structure, nor occupy the only portion of an area which can be used for required parking space or access thereto.

~~Notwithstanding the foregoing, an accessory dwelling unit in compliance with Chapter 22.140.640 (Accessory Dwelling Units) may be developed on a lot containing a single-family residence nonconforming due to standards, provided that where the single-family residence is nonconforming due to parking standards, sufficient parking shall be provided to ensure that both the single-family residence and the accessory dwelling unit comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 22.112 (Parking) and Section 22.140.640.H.6 (Parking).~~

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L. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Chapter 22.172, an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit in compliance with Section 22.140.640 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units) may be developed on

a lot containing a single-family or multi-family residence nonconforming due to use and/or standards so long as a residential use is permitted or conditionally permitted in the zone in which the single-family or multi-family residence is located.

SECTION 10. Section 22.300.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.300.020 Application of Planning Area Standards Districts, Community Standards Districts, and Supplemental Districts to Property.

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B. ~~Additional Regulations~~Relationship to Other Title 22 Provisions.

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2. Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units.

~~Where the regulations in Section 22.140.640 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units) are contrary to the provisions in a CSD regulating the same matter, the provisions in the CSD shall prevail, unless specified otherwise in Accessory Dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units in a Planning Area Standards District, Community Standards District, or Supplemental District shall be subject to~~
Section 22.140.640 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units).

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SECTION 11. This ordinance shall be published in The Daily Commerce a newspaper printed and published in the County of Los Angeles.



Kathryn Barger
Chair

ATTEST:

Edward Yen

Edward Yen
Executive Officer -
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

I hereby certify that at its meeting of July 29, 2025 the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County of Los Angeles by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes

Supervisors Hilda L. Solis
Holly J. Mitchell
Lindsey P. Horvath
Janice Hahn
Kathryn Barger

Noes

Supervisors None

Effective Date: August 28, 2025

~~Operative Date:~~

Edward Yen

Edward Yen
Executive Officer -
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles



I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code, Delivery of this document has been made.

EDWARD YEN
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By

Nicole Davis Tinkham

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Chief Deputy County Counsel