

## 2026 ADU ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: SUMMARY

This summary provides an overview of the proposed 2026 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance Amendment.

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As California housing laws continue to evolve, LA County Planning periodically updates the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance to keep local regulations current and responsive to the needs of unincorporated communities. The proposed 2026 ADU Ordinance Amendment clarifies the relationship between County policy and State law and provides a more predictable permitting pathway for ADU projects.

The Amendment also implements State-granted authority to limit ADUs on newly subdivided parcels created through SB 9 (2021) and SB 1123 (2024). In addition, it refines the definition of publicly dedicated open space to better protect natural resources and clarifies development standards for State-exempt detached ADUs on multi-family lots.

For general guidance, please refer to the County's "Single-Family" or "Multi-Family" ADU guides. Property owners considering a lot split under SB 9 (2021) or SB 1123 (2024) should consult the "Lot Splits and ADUs" explainer for more information.

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