

HOW TO LEGALIZE AN UNPERMITTED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU)



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GET STARTED

- ✓ Scan the QR code or visit planning.lacounty.gov/#area-lookup to confirm your home is located within the unincorporated area of LA County.
- ✓ Received a Notice of Violation? Call 213-974-6453 for help resolving it.

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Contact Planning

- ✓ Find your local office: planning.lacounty.gov/locations/
- ✓ Email: info@planning.lacounty.gov | Call us: 213-974-6411 |
- ✓ Virtual appointment: planning.lacounty.gov/connect-with-a-planner/

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PREPARE SUBMITTAL

- ✓ Prepare a full set of architectural plans (site plan, floor plans, and elevations) required for Regional Planning submittal.
- ✓ You can choose to work with a designer or architect.

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SUBMIT & REVIEW

- ✓ Submit a DRP Base Application, your plans, and photos.
- ✓ Review the Land Use Checklist
- ✓ Complete Owner Acknowledgment Form
- ✓ Submit payment:
An invoice will be issued once application review is complete.

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APPROVAL & BUILDING PERMIT

- ✓ For JADUs a recorded covenant is required before plans can be approved.
- ✓ Once your plans are approved, apply for a building permit.



BUILT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2020?

If your ADU/JADU was built before January 1, 2020, without approval from Planning and Building & Safety, you may qualify for legalization under AB2533.

You will need to provide evidence the unit was built before 2020 such as:

- ✓ Notarized and/or Certified Copies of property records
- ✓ Assessors' records
- ✓ Home Title Documents/Disclosures
- ✓ Building Permit Records
- ✓ Other supporting documents



Scan the QR code to learn more about AB2533 and the legalization process.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & RESOURCES

CASITA

Provides homeowners with guides and resources on financing and legalizing ADUs.
casitacoalition.org/guidebooks-and-resources

LA COUNTY PRE-APPROVED ADU PLANS

Use pre-approved ADU plans to speed up the permitting process.
pw.lacounty.gov/building-and-safety/adu/pre-approved

CALIFORNIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY (CALFHA)

Offers low- and moderate-income homeowners financing and programs with a focus on equity.

calhfa.ca.gov/adu/

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://planning.lacounty.gov/planning-permits/accessory-dwelling-units/>



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