Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)
TYPE 2B: CONVERSION OF PRIMARY UNIT’s
ATTACHED GARAGE TO ADU

Permitting and Development Standards. Effective: January 1, 2020

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Purpose and Intent: Conversion of only the Primary Unit’s attached garage to an ADU with no conversion of Primary Unit living area or attachment to the Primary Unit.

PROPERTY LOCATION: 

PROPOSED RENTAL AMOUNT: $_____

PERMITTING

Applicant Enter as Proposed Comply? Y or N

For more information, request an appointment with City staff:
Building (805) 385-7925 Planning (805) 385-7758

Administrative Planning Permit 
Ministerial 
$210.00 fee plus Building Permit, plan check, and inspection fees. Fees periodically adjusted.

From submitting complete Building and Eng. plans 
Not to exceed 60 days 
60-day statutory permit tolling applies to Oxnard work days when ADU plans are complete and in City possession. ADU may be denied if plan check corrections remain unaddressed at Day 60.

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Allowed in Zones (includes –PD & –AH additive zones) R1, R2, R3, R4, C1, C2, DT-E
Eligibility requires one legal parcel with one existing legal Primary Unit

Minimum Size 220 sf Efficiency unit. Same meaning as Health & Safety Code (HSC) 17958.1, which requires a living area of 150 sf + other area of 70 sf for 2 persons.

Maximum Size Existing size Up to 150 sf addition allowed for egress/ingress within ADU buildable area.

Front yard setback by Zone Existing driveway paved area may be used for required parking.

Side yard setback Existing or NL 4 feet Primary Unit setbacks set by Zone or permit, ADU minimum is 4 ft for entrance expansion. Existing setbacks subject to public safety review. Government Code 65852.2(1)(a)(D)(vii)

Rear yard setback Existing or NL 4 feet

Maximum height by Zone Height measured from base average finished grade to highest point of building. OCC 16-10(22)

Separate exterior entrance required Yes ADU addressing likely to be “Unit No. X” to existing Primary Unit address, subject to USPS final determination.

Comply with other Codes Yes ADU must comply with applicable Building, Energy, and other Codes.

REQUIREMENTS


Kitchen Type Full Includes sink, minimum 5 cubic foot refrigerator, range or cooktop

Bathroom Full Includes sink, toilet, and bathing facility.

PARKING

Primary Unit City Code less no. of converted spaces Replacement parking is required and shall be located outside of the required front yard setback, pursuant to OCC Sec. 16-468(D).

ADU recommended ADU parking space may be tandem, uncovered, and/or located in a side yard setback.

FIRE SPRINKLERS, UTILITY METERS & IMPACT FEES

Fire sprinklers If required for Primary Unit ADU fire sprinklers required if required for the Primary residence: Oxnard Fire Code requires full sprinklers on all structure(s) at 1,000 sf cumulative additions and alterations since Dec. 27, 2007 (OCC §14-26).

Water/sewer meter No Check all lines for capacity, upgrade may be required.

Impact Fees Yes, if ADU is 750 sf or more. No fees if ADU is less than 750 sf. Proportional if over 750 sf is size:

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY TO ADU TYPE 2B

1 ADU not allowed in the Oxnard Coastal Zone (between Victoria Avenue and Pacific Ocean)

2 ADU projects are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, City Code, Categories §15303)

3 ADU Standard Planning Zoning Clearance documents and conditions are to be incorporated into the Building Permit plans.

4 ADU within the Henry T Oxnard District or a listed structure requires compatibility review and standards apply: ADU use is allowed.

5 Applicants may include replacement curb cut and driveway if ADU removes on-site parking, subject to Public Works approval.

6 Minimum lot size, open space, patio/balcony minimum size and dimensions, density, floor area ratio, and/or interior yard space standards are not applied to the ADU. (SB 881)

7 Architectural compatibility with existing and/or proposed structure required (OCC § 16-23, primarily materials, roof-pitch, color).

8 ADU may not be rented for less than 30 days (i.e. Short Term Rental) (OCC 16-663.4(H)).

9 There is no owner-occupied requirement for either the Primary or ADU until Jan 1, 2025 (SB 13).

10 Homeowner Association Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions (CCR) may not prohibit ADU (AB 670).

11 ADU may not be backed into separate property, except as specified in AB 587.

12 Project cannot demolish residential dwelling units underless certain conditions apply (SB 330).

13 ADU porches, patios, exterior stairs, and balconies subject to OCC 16-305 to 16-307.

14 ADU may be denied if: 1) non-compliance with applicable codes, 2) creates a life-safety hazard, 3) has negative impact on historic district or listed structure, or 4) is within Non-ADU district (if adopted by the City).

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