

Redwood City Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Standards

STANDARDS	
Zones allowed	All residential zones (R1-5, RH)
Lot restrictions	Must be single-family dwelling
Minimum lot size	None
Min / Max ADU size	Min: None Max for lots under 10,000 sf: 700 sf Max of ADA compliant ADU: 800 sf Max for lots larger than 10,000 sf: 900 sf
ADU building height	Attached: 28 feet Detached: 14 feet
Setbacks	Attached: Same as primary dwelling Detached: 10 feet rear, 6 feet side
Parking requirements	No parking required but, if provided, can be tandem and/or in driveway
Owner occupancy	Owner must live in the main dwelling or the ADU
Sample fees from recently built projects*	ADU 1 (487 sf, detached): \$4,787 ADU 2 (638 sf, attached): \$5,929
Other requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADU may require fire sprinklers if the existing house already has fire sprinklers, or the total area of the ADU and any substantial remodeling equals 50 percent of the main living area or 1,000 square feet, whichever is less. • ADU must be generally consistent in shape, material and style to the primary dwelling. • If any structure on the lot is historic, additional standards may apply. • Conversions of existing structures (including garages) must comply with current building code (upgrades may be required). • Only one ADU per property is allowed. • ADUs must comply with all requirements of the underlying zoning district.
Process	ADUs on the ground floor require a building permit, while second story ADUs require a planning entitlement in addition to the building permit. No deed restrictions are required. Making an appointment to meet with a planner in the initial stages of the project can help avoid challenges and is highly recommended.
Exceptions	People with disabilities may apply for a waiver of the rules.
INFORMATION	
Contact	planning@redwoodcity.org — 650.780.7236 For more information, you may contact the Planning Department through the address above.
Website	www.redwoodcity.org/adu http://www.redwoodcity.org/home/showdocument?id=11179
ADU Ordinance	https://www.redwoodcity.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=10780

Disclaimer: standards and process may vary. Consultation with the contact is recommended before starting any project.

*Detached ADUs are typically subject to building fees, impact fees and school fees. Attached ADUs are subject to the same fees plus an entitlement fee for second story units. Fees are specific to each project and will vary. Fees change regularly. These are provided as examples only.