

Atherton Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Standards (DRAFT)

STANDARDS	
Zones allowed	All residential zones (R-1A and R-1B)
Lot restrictions	None
Minimum lot size	R-1A: 1 acre R-1B: 12,520 sf
Min / Max ADU size	None / 1,200 sf
ADU building height	Attached: 32 feet Detached: 15 feet
Setbacks	Attached: same as primary dwelling (60 feet front, 50 feet rear and sides) Detached: 48 feet front, 40 feet rear and sides (applies to typical 1 acre lots)
Parking requirements	One parking space per unit is required unless state exemptions are met (ADU is within ½ mile of transit, in existing structures, in historic districts, within one block of car share locations, or in an area with residential parking permit rules that do not allow second units to get a permit). Parking is allowed in setbacks. Tandem parking is not allowed.
Owner occupancy	Owner must live in the main dwelling or the ADU
Sample fees from recently built projects*	n/a
Other requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADUs must comply with all requirements of the underlying zoning district. • Only one ADU per property is allowed
Process	Staff will review for compliance with physical standards. Making an appointment to meet with a planner in the initial stages of the project can help avoid challenges and is highly recommended.
Exceptions	Extra square footage is allowed in the main dwelling if an ADU is included.
INFORMATION	
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ADU Ordinance	www.codepublishing.com/CA/atherton/html

*Disclaimer: standards and process may vary. Consultation with the contact is recommended before starting any project.
Fees are specific to each project and will vary. Fees change regularly. These are provided as examples only.