

Foster City Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Standards

STANDARDS	
Zones allowed	R-1, R-1/PD, R-2
Lot restrictions	Must be single-family dwelling
Minimum lot size	5,000 sf
Min / Max ADU size	150 sf / 640 sf
ADU building height	25 feet (for an attached ADU placed at the second story of a single-family home); for all other ADU configurations, consult City Planning staff.
Setbacks	ADU is subject to the same setbacks as primary dwelling (typically 20 feet front, 5 feet side and 20 feet rear). There is a minimum 10-foot setback between a detached ADU and the primary dwelling.
Parking requirements	One parking space is required unless state exemptions are met (ADU is within ½ mile of transit, in existing structures, or within one block of car share locations). Parking can be uncovered and in tandem with covered parking. Tandem parking and parking in setbacks are allowed (assuming no public safety concerns).
Owner occupancy	Owner must live in the main dwelling or the ADU
Sample fees from recently built project *	ADU (430 sf, attached): \$12,094
Other requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire sprinklers are required, unless the ADU is built within the existing primary residence and not otherwise required. • ADU must be clearly subordinate to primary dwelling by size, location, and appearance. • Provisions of Municipal Code and City's <u>Architectural and Solar Guidelines</u> apply. • Utility connections as required by Utilities and/or Building and/or other Code. • ADU is subject to solar impact requirements applicable to primary residences or room additions. • Owner-occupancy deed restriction is required. • ADUs must comply with all requirements of the underlying zoning district. • Only one ADU per property is allowed.
Process	ADUs are subject to Architectural Review (design review), which requires that staff make specific findings for any residential additional project. A Planning Commission hearing is required for waterfront additions of 200+ square feet or second-story additions of 400+ square feet. Making an appointment to meet with a planner in the initial stages of the project can help avoid challenges and is highly recommended.
Exceptions	None
INFORMATION	
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ADU Ordinance	http://www.codepublishing.com/CA/FosterCity/html/FosterCity17/FosterCity1778.html#17.78

New laws were passed recently, and updates will be coming soon

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.*