Accessory Dwelling Units

Newly Relaxed Zoning Regulations*

Sonoma County now makes it easier to build Accessory Units in unincorporated Sonoma County! See Ordinance 6191 for complete details.

What’s New?

- Unit size of up to 1,000 sq. ft. allowed
- Simpler, faster process
- Smaller units of up to 640 sq. ft. allowed on lots between 1.5 and 2 acres
- Smaller lot size of 5,000 sq. ft. allowed in urban areas
- Some setbacks reduced
- No appeals
- No Use Permits

Existing

- Allowed in residential and agricultural zones
- One accessory unit per parcel
- 2 acre minimum lot size
- No short-term rentals
- Z overlay still applies

*New regulations do not apply in the coastal zone

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