

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) & Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU)

# Building a Bridge to Housing Affordability, Equity and Security

# **Housing in Marin County**



- Majority of housing is residential single-family
- 63% of homes occupied by only one or two people
- Most people could not afford their homes today
- Many struggling to remain in homes after retirement
- Rental prices have increased over 50% in past 5 years

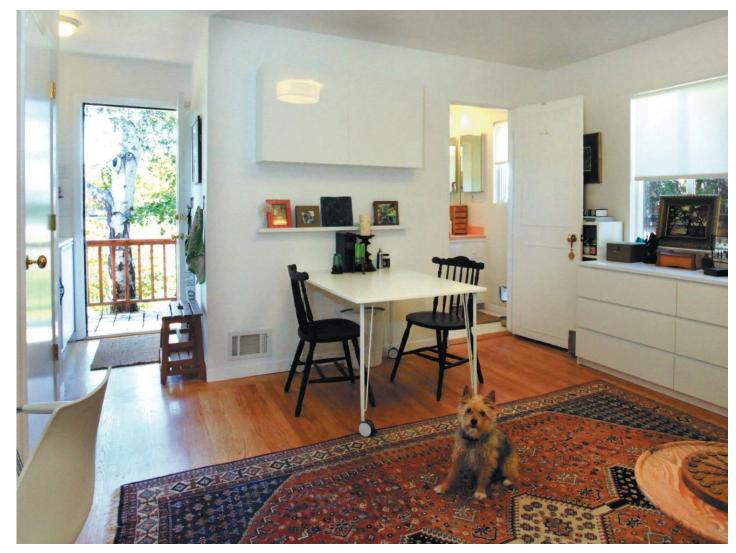


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### J/ADU – Housing Affordability

#### Passed in 2016

AB-2406 (Thurmond) Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU)

AB-2299 and SB-1069 – ADUs – Mandate

- No additional parking requirement
- No setback requirements for existing structures
- No discretionary approval requirements
- No fire sprinkler requirement
- No utility agency connection fees

#### **Proposed in 2018**

SB-831 (Wieckowski) Eliminates the remaining legislative/economic barriers to J/ADU development

SB-1469 (Skinner & Ting) Makes JADUs a mandate and allows for both an ADU and a JADU on each single-family property

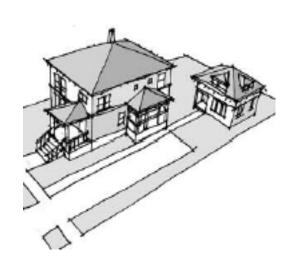
# What is an Accessory Dwelling Unit?

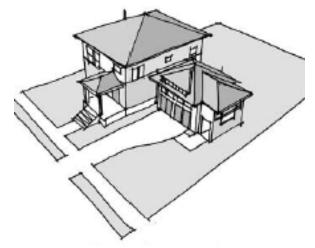
- Commonly referred to as a second unit, granny flat, or in-law apartment
- They are complete independent living units/homes that have their own provisions for living, cooking, sleeping, and sanitation
- ADUs are located within the walls of a single-family home, or can be an addition to a home, either attached or detached
- Each jurisdictions has its own limitations and requirements, and most require that the owner reside on the premises

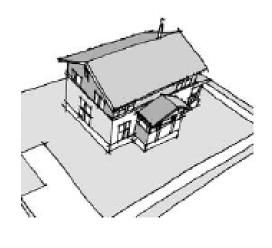


Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

# **Types Of ADUs**







**Cottage Homes** \$200-400,000

**Conversion Units** \$100-200,000

**Carve-out Units** \$10\*-100,000

**Development Costs of ADUs** 

\* Starting price for junior accessory dwelling units

### Benefits of creating a <u>legal</u> ADU:

- Generate secure income
- Have assistant or caregiver near by
- House loved ones, i.e. parents and children
- Live in it yourself
- Have companionship with privacy
- Provide emergency housing
- Increase property value

### Other Benefits

#### Renters

more affordable housing options, decreases commute time for local workers

#### Community

 less commuter traffic, housing consistent with neighborhood character, new customers for local businesses, housing for first responders, teachers, and other vital workers, movement in housing market

#### Government

 J/ADUs count toward RHNA, housing meets permitting and safety standards

#### Planet

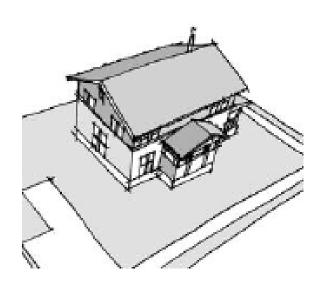
 reduction in carbon emissions from commuter traffic and more efficient use of resources

### **Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit**

What sets Jr. Units apart?

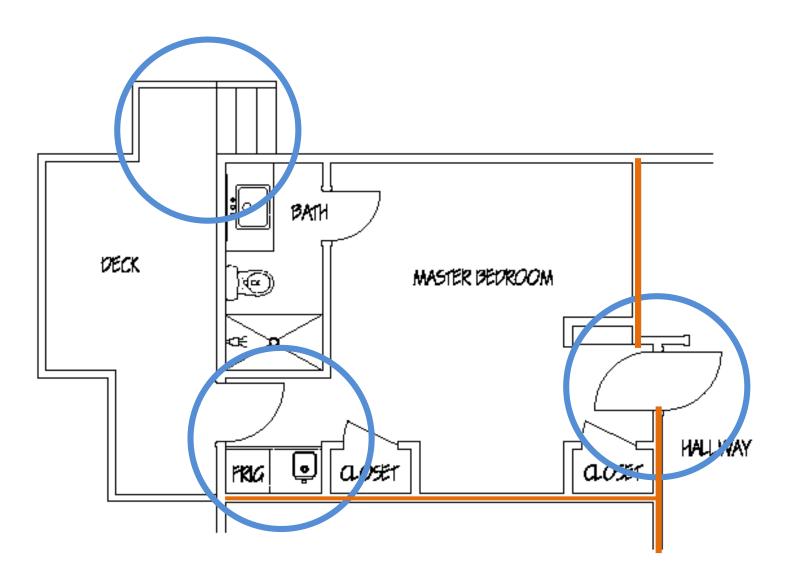
- Repurpose spare bedroom(s) up to 500 sq. ft.
- Flexible interior connection to main living area
- Share home's central utility systems
- Do not increase designed occupancy of home
- Minimal kitchen = wet bar
- All water, energy, waste, parking, road usage, etc. has been accounted for in the original permit for the home

### Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU)



- Must include conversion of bedroom(s) no expansion
- Addition of an efficiency kitchen:
  - Limited 1.5 inch drain line no disposal
  - No gas or 220 V electrical service
  - Standard outlets
- Interior and exterior access
- Up to 500 sf
- Private or shared bath
- No additional parking required
- Deed restricted to require owner occupancy

# Junior Unit (\$10 - \$50K)



# Flexible Housing

- Meets your changing needs over time
  - Utilize whole home
  - Rent out apartment
  - Live in apartment
- Like an insurance policy
  - Job loss
  - Divorce
  - Health issue
  - Emergencies

Provides income and housing when needed



**Wet Bar and Entryway** 







# **Marin Development Opportunity**

- Detached owner occupied 3+ bedroom = 44,000
- New units if 2% added an ADU = 880
- New units if 5% added an ADU = 2,200



= 14,000 in Marin

### **Financing Programs**

**HELOC – Home Equity Line of Credit** 

**HECM – Home Equity Conversion Mortgage** 

**Construction Mortgage –** Qualifying Future Value

Marin Housing Authority – Rehabilitation loans of up to \$35,000 for Junior Unit and ADU construction/rehab

 Lower income homeowners 5% simple interest, 15 year term with possibility of deferment

City of Napa – Loans for Junior Units

 Up to \$40,000 for low-income homeowner, forgiven 5% each year rented to very low-income renter



# **Housing Cycle**

