



## HOUSING TYPE

# ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU)

Also called accessory apartment, carriage home, granny flat, guest house, in-law suite, micro house and secondary dwelling unit

### DESCRIPTION

#### Definition

An accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is a smaller, secondary structure on the same lot as a primary house e.g. single-family home. ADUs offer essential components of a home in a small space.

#### Housing Units

An ADU typically has one (1) housing unit.

#### Most Common Types

Attached ADU - The ADU is attached to a primary dwelling e.g. single-family home. (Image A & D)

Detached ADU - The ADU is detached from the primary dwelling. (Image B)

#### Additional Types

Above garage ADU - The ADU is above the garage. (Image C)

Garage conversion ADU - The garage is converted into an ADU. (Image B)

Interior conversion ADU - A portion of the primary house is converted into an ADU.

- Upper level (attic) of the primary house.
- Lower level (basement) of the primary house.

### NOTABLE FEATURES

#### Versatility

ADUs can be created in a variety of different ways and leverage the use of the existing primary dwelling. For instance by converting the attic space into an interior conversion ADU.

#### Multi-generational living

An ADU could be used to support a person's desire to downsize while keeping their house (primary dwelling) by living in the ADU and renting out their home.



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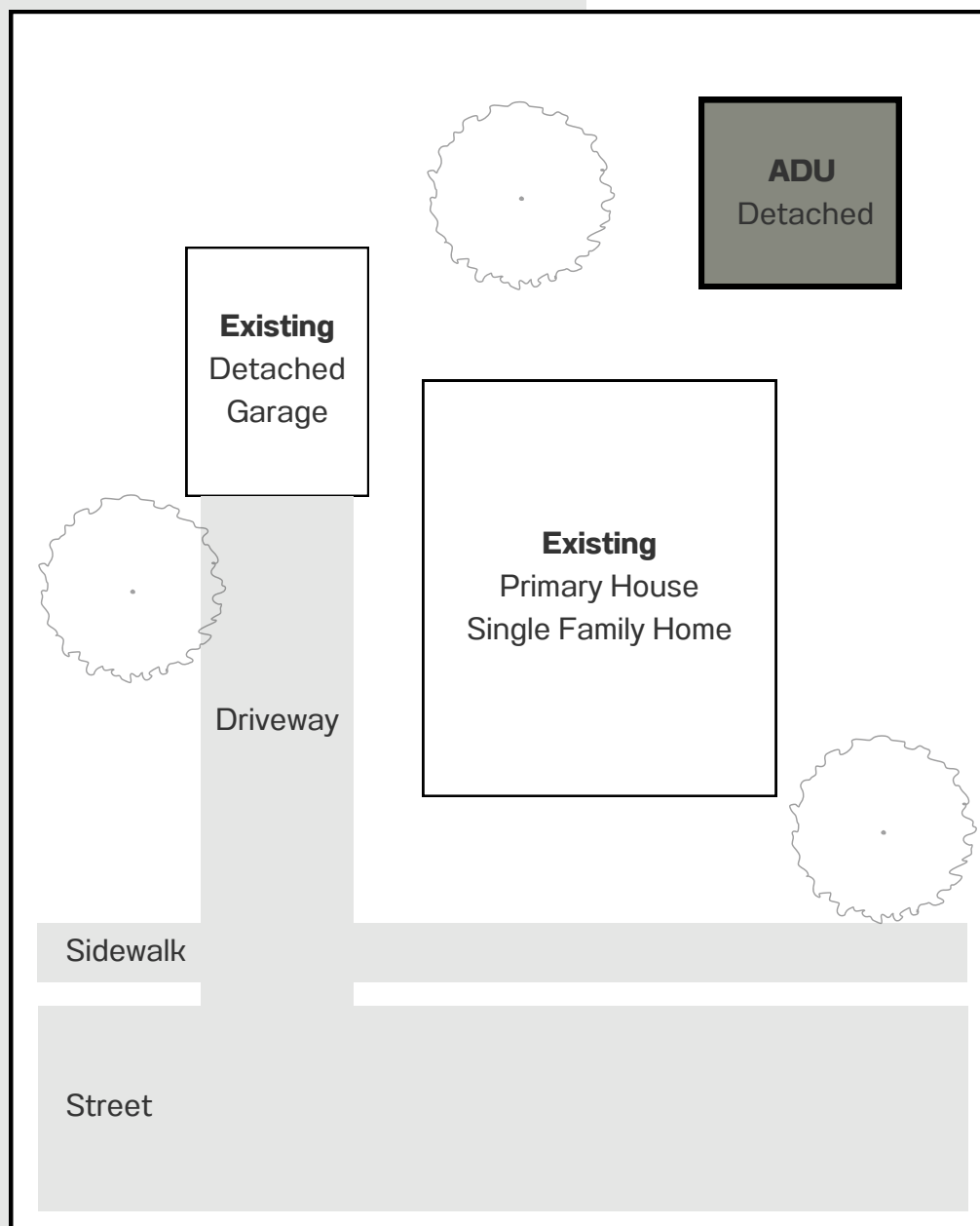
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# SAMPLE: AN **ADU** ON A PHYSICAL SITE



Detached ADU on the same housing lot as an existing single family home with a detached garage.

## Best Practices & General Resources

### **AARP.org/ADU**

Full link: [AARP.org/ADU](https://www.aarp.org/ADU)

### **The ABCs of ADUs**

Full link:

<https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/livable-communities/housing/2022/ABCs%20of%20ADUs-web-singles-082222.pdf>

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