



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

PREAPPROVED ADU PROGRAM

Housing Santa Barbara Day – October 19, 2024

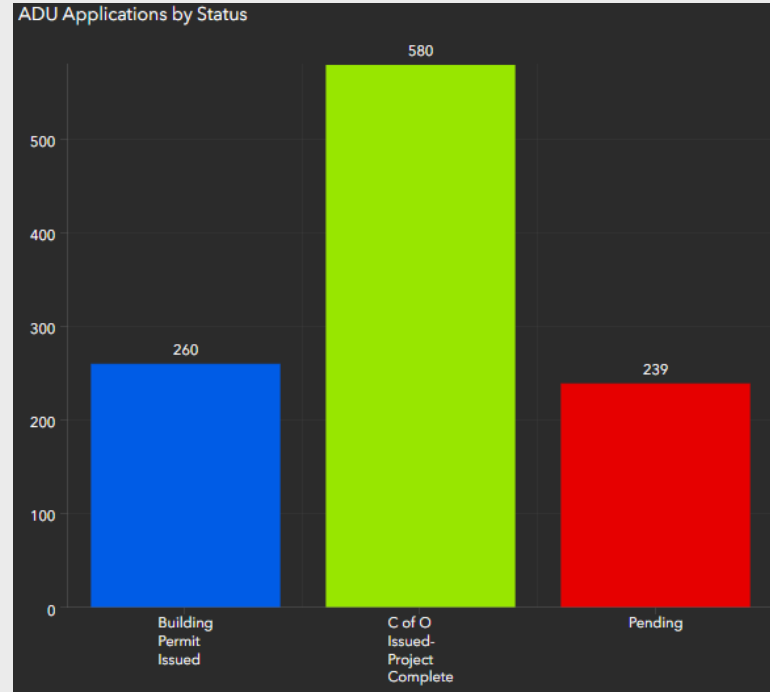
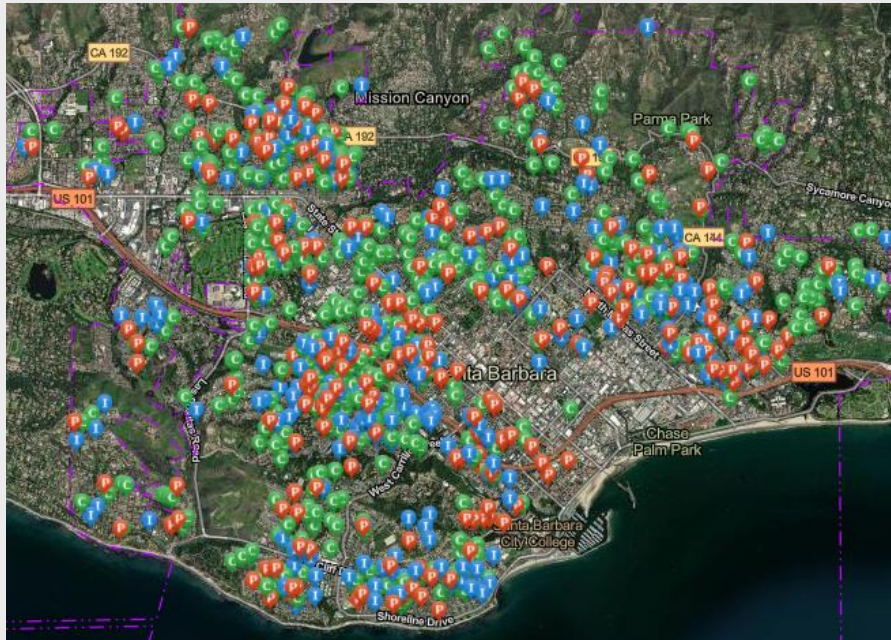
Tonight's Discussion

- Overview of ADU Permitting & Preapproved ADU Program
- Sneak Peek at Preapproved ADUs
- What's Next for ADUs



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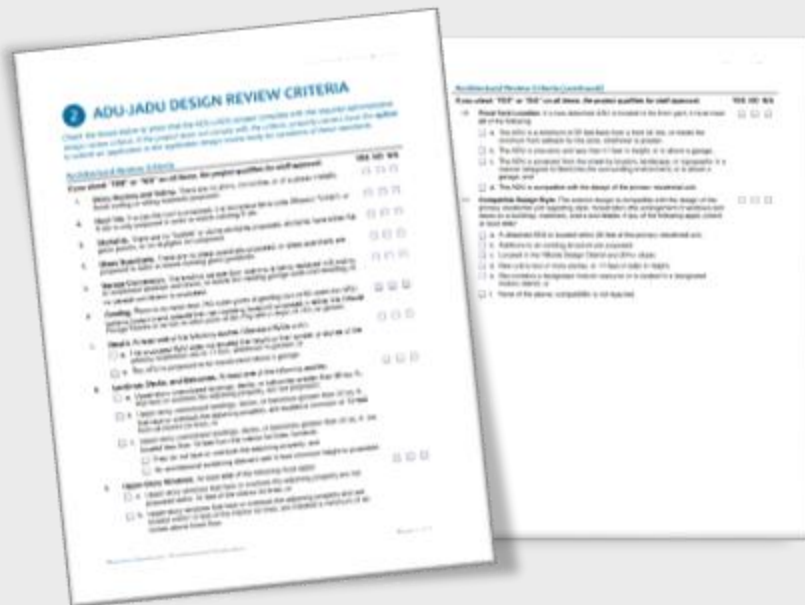
ADU Permits Since 2018



ADU Dashboard - City of Santa Barbara

Addressing ADU Aesthetics

- 11 criteria for administrative staff-level approval
- If the ADU does not meet all 11 criteria, owner may choose Design Review or redesign to meet criteria



AB 1332 Purpose & Intent



Cities/Counties are required to create a process for preapproval of ADU plans to streamline review of ADUs.



Pre-approved plan(s) available on City website for purchase through the designer.



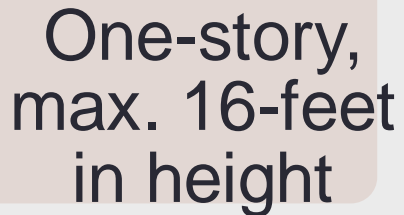
Provides “express lane” for ministerial approval of ADU applications and lower project costs.

Preapproved ADU Design Parameters

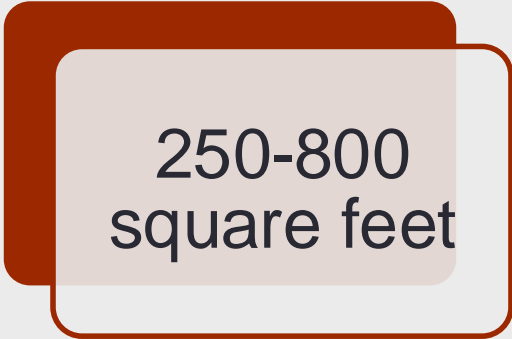
Same as detached Special ADUs



Detached



One-story,
max. 16-feet
in height



250-800
square feet

Benefits of Choosing a Preapproved ADU

- ✓ *Design Review is already done*
- ✓ *Faster plan review (30 days vs 60 days)*
- ✓ *Lower permit fees (~25% Discount)*
- ✓ *More certainty in the process*

Example – 800 SF ADU



Renderings courtesy of Adam Stickels, independent contractor

Example – 741 SF ADU



Renderings courtesy of Rebecca Wiscombe, Bevyhouse

What's Next

Building Code Review of Pre-ADU Plans

November 2024-March 2025



Pre-ADU Designs Posted to City Website

March 2025



Next Round of Pre-ADU Applications Accepted

2025



Program Evaluation & Adjustments

2026

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