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What is an ADU or JADU?

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are independent living spaces added to residential properties. Junior ADUs (JADUs) are smaller, interior conversions within an existing home, limited to 500 sq ft.

ADU Types & Eligibility in SLO County

- Detached ADUs: Up to 1,200 sq ft
- Attached ADUs: Up to 50% of the main residence or 1,200 sq ft
- JADUs: Interior units, up to 500 sq ft
- Garage/Basement Conversions allowed
- Must be located in eligible zones (some restrictions apply in Los Osos and water-restricted areas)

Setbacks, Height & Parking

- Minimum 4 ft side/rear yard setbacks for ADUs
- Detached units: Max height 16 ft
- Attached units: Must match primary home height
- Parking not required in many urban areas or near transit

Permit Process & Fees

- Ministerial approval process (no public hearing required)
- Use of pre-reviewed ADU plans can speed up permitting
- ADUs under 750 sq ft: no impact fees
- Larger ADUs: proportional fees may apply

Estimated Costs & Timelines

- Design & permit for stock ADUs: ~\$40k-\$50k

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- Custom ADU planning: ~\$60k-\$70k

- Permitting: 4-6 months (stock), 9-12 months (custom)

- Construction time varies by complexity and site

Tips for a Successful ADU Project

- Assess your site: soils, grading, septic/water, WUI zone

- Confirm zoning and utility availability early

- Set a clear budget

- Hire a local, licensed contractor familiar with county rules

Why Choose KRF Construction Inc.

With over 30 years of experience in San Luis Obispo County, KRF Construction Inc. delivers complete ADU solutions-from design and permitting to expert construction. We're fully licensed (CSLB #523007), insured,

and deeply familiar with local codes and processes.

Contact Us to Get Started

Let's turn your ADU vision into reality.

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