

Accessory Dwelling Unit Guidelines Update

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Garage Conversions

New accessory dwelling unit (ADU) Garage Conversion Standards for the City of Long Beach have been designed to make it easier and faster for applicants who intend to convert a single-story, detached garage or a carport to an ADU in a single-family zone. This prescriptive set of standards addresses the main requirements that permit applicants (homeowners or contractors) must present to City staff in order to obtain an over-the-counter permit for a garage conversion to an ADU.

New Garage Conversion Standards

The prescriptive set of conversion standards has two components:

ADU-Garage Conversion Submittal Package: Consists of a permit application, instructions to complete the site and floor plan, space to attach interior and exterior photos illustrating the existing conditions of your garage, construction details to be referenced on the plans, and the ADU covenant to be recorded.

ADU-Garage Conversion Reference Documents: Consists of relevant information to further assist applicants with preparation of the submittal package.

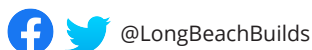
Permit Process

Permit applicants must complete the submittal package to the best of their abilities and present it at the time of plan check submittal to the City. Applicants must make an appointment for an over-the-counter plan review by staff from the City's Planning and Building & Safety bureaus, and pay permitting and other agency (e.g., school district) fees prior to obtaining an ADU building permit.

City staff is knowledgeable, helpful and ready to facilitate the various informational and technical aspects associated with each individual project. Staff will be able to perform over-the-counter reviews of projects that fully meet the City's standards. They can also assist applicants with adding any complementary notes or referencing details to the submittal package as long as the provisions of the standards are satisfied.

Contact

For more information about ADU garage conversions and the City's standards, call (562) 570-6194 or visit the Long Beach Development Services webpage at: longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/adus/



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