

18.09.030.I.5. Accessory Dwelling Unit.

- a. An accessory dwelling unit (ADU) may be created within, or detached from, any single-family dwelling, whether existing or new, as a subordinate use, where permitted (“P”) by this chapter.
- b. In the shoreline jurisdiction, an accessory dwelling unit may be created within, or detached from, any single-family dwelling, whether existing or new, as a subordinate use, where conditional (“C”) pursuant to this chapter. See Chapter [16.12](#) BIMC for shoreline conditional use process.
- c. Only one accessory dwelling unit may be created per parcel.
- d. No variances shall be granted for an accessory dwelling unit.
- e. One off-street parking space shall be provided in addition to off-street parking that is required for the primary dwelling.
- f. Accessory dwelling units shall be designed to maintain the appearance of the primary dwelling as a single-family dwelling, containing 900 square feet of floor area or less. However, if the accessory dwelling unit will be located within a building existing as of the approval date of Ordinance No. 2015-16 (for example, in a basement) the city may allow an increased size in order to efficiently use all floor area. If a separate outside entrance is necessary for an accessory dwelling unit located within the primary dwelling, that entrance must be located either on the rear or side of the building.
- g. If an accessory dwelling unit is constructed in conjunction with a garage, the square footage of the garage shall not count towards the 900-square-foot limitation.
- h. An accessory dwelling unit not attached to the single-family dwelling may not contain any accessory use other than a garage.
- i. No recreational vehicle shall be an accessory dwelling unit.
- j. When stairs utilized for the ADU are enclosed within the exterior vertical walls of the building, they shall not count towards the floor area of the ADU.
- k. The ADU shall share a single driveway with the primary dwelling.
- l. School impact fees and qualified exemptions from those fees as provided in Chapter [15.28](#) BIMC shall apply.
- m. All other applicable standards including, but not limited to, lot coverage, setbacks, parking requirements, and health district or city requirements for water, sewer, and/or septic must be met.
- n. In the Mixed Use Town Center, new accessory dwelling units are only permitted as part of a housing design demonstration project single-family subdivision approved pursuant to BIMC [2.16.020.S](#).