



Legislation Text

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**Item Title & Description:**

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**A bill for an ordinance amending the Denver Zoning Code, concerning accessory dwelling units.**

Approves a Denver Zoning Code text amendment to create context-specific zone districts and regulations for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 4-18-2023.

**Affected Council District(s) or citywide? citywide**

**Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:**

*Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.*

The proposed text amendment would amend the Denver Zoning Code to adjust accessory dwelling unit (ADU) requirements by neighborhood context and remove barriers to ADU construction. The amendment would establish new single unit (SU) zone districts in the suburban neighborhood context to facilitate potential future rezoning of properties to zone districts that allow ADUs and would also adjust use limitations and rules of measurement associated with ADUs, including consolidating rules of measurement for dormer exceptions into code Article 13.

A markup version of the proposed text amendment and a strategy report summarizing the proposed text amendment are available on the ADUs in Denver project web page at

<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Community-Planning-and-Development/Denver-Zoning-Code/Text-Amendments/ADUs-in-Denver>

**Address/Location (if applicable):**

**Legal Description (if applicable):**

**Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):**

**Draft Bill Attached?**