Detached accessory structures – Summary of rules

Shaded cells = change proposed.

These apply to all detached accessory structures (ADUs, garages, sheds, etc.):

Standard	Current Code	Proposal
Floor area ratio	None	0.15:1
Building coverage	 Maximum limit applies for site including all structures 15% max for all detached accessory structures Accessory structure footprint can't be larger than the primary structure 	No change
Height	15' if located in side or rear setback 20' if located outside side and rear setbacks (side and rear setbacks are 5')	Additional limit on height: Cannot exceed height of primary structure by more than 4 feet.
Materials (eaves, trim, windows, roof, siding)	If taller than 15 feet - match primary structure or meet prescriptive standards	No change

These apply to all ADUs (attached and detached):

Allowed with	House	• House
	Attached house	Attached house
		 Detached primary structure on a multi-dwelling development site (PD)
		 Duplex in the 'a' overlay
		 Triplex on corners in 'a' overlay when meeting affordability requirement
Maximum size	75% of living area of primary house or	Generally, no change.
(living area)	800 square feet, whichever is less.	
	(75% of 1,067 sf=800 sf)	Basement ADUs in existing
		houses are not limited in size.
Visitability	N/A	If three or more units on site,
		one of the units must meet visitability standards
Parking	No additional parking required, but	No change
	existing required parking must be	If second ADU, then no parking
	maintained or replaced.	required on the site

This applies to detached ADUs:

Location on site	40 feet from front lot line or behind	No change,
	house	but clarifying language.