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## **September 28 Open House on Accessory Dwelling Units**

The City of Springfield is seeking input from the community to help make it easier to build accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Residents, property owners, and developers are invited to an open house on ADUs from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, September 28 at Springfield City Hall.

**What:** Open House on Accessory Dwelling Units. Staff will be on hand to provide information and answer questions about ADU code, site, and design standards. There will be opportunities for community members to provide written feedback on proposed code amendments.

**Who:** Springfield residents, property owners, and developers

**When:** 4-7 p.m. on September 28, 2017. Presentations at 4:30, 5:15, and 6 p.m.

**Where:** Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, Library Meeting Room

**Additional information:** Sandy Belson, Comprehensive Planning Manager, 541.736.7135 or [sbelson@springfield-or.gov](mailto:sbelson@springfield-or.gov)

### **Background**

An ADU is a small, self-contained dwelling built on a property with an existing single-family home which is currently allowed in low-density residential zones. The City would like input regarding potential changes to the development code specific to ADUs. Code updates being considered include: no longer requiring the property owner to live on-site, allowing ADUs in medium and high-density residential zones as well as in the Washburne District with certain conditions, and removing the requirement for off-street parking if on-street parking is available.

There will also be a Planning Commission public hearing at 7 p.m., October 17 in the Council Chambers of Springfield City Hall at 225 Fifth Street, for community members to provide oral comments on the proposed code amendments. Written comments may be submitted any time before the public hearing, by email to [sbelson@springfield-or.gov](mailto:sbelson@springfield-or.gov) or by mail to Sandy Belson, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield, OR 97477.

From July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, the City of Springfield is waiving city transportation, stormwater, and local wastewater system development charges (SDCs) for newly built ADUs. This waiver reduces the cost of construction of a typical ADU by an estimated \$5,000 to \$6,000. Note that SDCs imposed by the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission and Willamalane Park and Recreation District are still in effect. Learn more at [www.springfield-or.gov](http://www.springfield-or.gov).