

# Accessory Dwelling Unit Criteria

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## **Section 117-798. Accessory Dwelling Units**

**Residential accessory dwelling units shall be a permitted use in all residential zoning districts subject to the following criteria:**

1. Accessory dwelling units may only be located on property that is subject to an existing homestead exemption or on property that meets the requirements for a homestead exemption which the property owner has applied for through the Clay County Property Appraiser's Office with the expectation that the exemption will be granted.
2. The unit shall be developed in conjunction with or after development of the principal dwelling unit and the owner of the property must reside within either the principal or the accessory dwelling unit.
3. Accessory dwelling units shall provide additional parking to the primary residence pursuant to the parking requirements for single family homes as set forth in Sec. 113-157 Off Street Parking requirements matrix in the City Land Development Code.
4. No accessory dwelling unit shall be sold separately from the principal dwelling unit.
5. The air-conditioned floor area of the accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 25 percent of the air-conditioned floor area of the principal structure, The accessory dwelling unit shall be no less than 200 square feet of air-conditioned floor area.
6. The accessory dwelling unit can be attached or detached to the primary residence. Accessory dwelling units attached to the principal structure shall be physically separated from said structure so as to prevent direct, internal access between the primary structure and the accessory dwelling units. Detached accessory dwelling units shall be behind the primary structure adjacent to all roadway frontages and comply with the setback requirements for a primary residence in the underlying zoning district and shall not exceed the height of the primary structure.
7. The accessory dwelling unit combined with the primary residence and other structures shall meet the density requirements of the underlying zoning district.
8. The accessory dwelling unit shall be serviced by centralized water and wastewater.
9. An accessory dwelling unit shall be treated as a townhome unit for impact fees.
10. A certification in the permit application for requests to construct an accessory dwelling units shall be provided that requires the applicant to certify whether their property is part of a deed restricted community or subject to a homeowner's, neighborhood or master association and, if answered in the affirmative, that the applicant has confirmed an accessory dwelling units are allowed under the deed restrictions and/or rules of the homeowner's, neighborhood or master association, as applicable.