

5.2 USE-SPECIFIC STANDARDS

5.2.8 DWELLING, ACCESSORY

The following sections are provided to create opportunities for a diversity of housing stock within town. A dwelling unit must contain sleeping, cooking, and bathroom facilities. Guest quarters or suites that do not contain all three types of facilities are not dwelling units and are not reviewed in this section.

5.2.8.1 Accessory dwelling units in freestanding structures

New or existing accessory buildings may be used as dwelling units in addition to the principal dwelling unit in the R-10, R-15, and R-20 districts, subject to the following conditions:

- 5.2.8.1.a The lot is developed, or proposed to be developed, with a single-family dwelling and customary accessory outbuildings.
- 5.2.8.1.b The lot has direct access to a public street or a private street that conforms with the requirements for private streets in UDO Section 6.21.4, Design Standards – Private Streets and the Town of Hillsborough Street Manual.
- 5.2.8.1.c One (1) accessory dwelling unit is permitted per lot, whether within the principal dwelling or as a freestanding structure.
- 5.2.8.1.d The structure containing the accessory dwelling must meet the applicable primary building setbacks established in Table 6.3.1, *Dimensional Requirements – residential* OR Section 7.5.3, *Non-conforming lot setback requirements*. The existing, primary dwelling may be non-conforming in regard to building setbacks required in the zoning district. The setback provision in Section 9.1.5.2.c of this ordinance is available for an accessory building containing a dwelling unit.
- 5.2.8.1.e An accessory dwelling unit in a freestanding structure shall be located to the side or rear of the primary dwelling and behind the primary dwelling's front façade.
- 5.2.8.1.f All structures containing dwellings are connected to municipal water and sewer service.
- 5.2.8.1.g The accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the gross floor area of the principal dwelling unit or 1,000 square feet in gross floor area, whichever is greater. In no case shall the accessory dwelling unit exceed the gross floor area and/or height of the principal dwelling unit.
- 5.2.8.1.h The accessory unit is constructed to the state building code for one- and two-family dwellings (i.e., is not a manufactured home).
- 5.2.8.1.i There is sufficient off-street parking on the parcel to accommodate two spaces for the principal dwelling and one space per bedroom in the accessory unit, which may include garage spaces.
- 5.2.8.1.j The application materials indicate storage locations for solid waste and recycling containers for both dwellings consistent with Town Code requirements.
- 5.2.8.1.k A platted, deeded public utility easement shall be required and existing

utility lines shall be upsized if deemed necessary by the Utilities Department.

5.2.8.1.kl Units that existed on August 12, 1996 that do not meet one or more provisions of this section may continue as legal non-conforming uses.

5.2.8.2 Accessory dwelling units within a principal single-family dwelling

Accessory dwelling units may be located within a principal single-family dwelling in any zoning district, subject to the following conditions:

5.2.8.2.a The lot is developed, or proposed to be developed, with a single-family dwelling and customary accessory outbuildings.

5.2.8.2.b The lot has direct access to a public street or a private street that conforms with the requirements for private streets in UDO Section 6.21.4, *Design Standards – Private Streets* and the Town of Hillsborough Street Manual.

5.2.8.2.bc One (1) accessory dwelling unit is permitted per lot, whether within the principal dwelling or as a freestanding structure.

5.2.8.2.ed Both dwellings are connected to municipal water and sewer service.

5.2.8.2.de The accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the gross floor area of the principal dwelling unit or 1,000 square feet in gross floor area, whichever is greater. In no case shall the accessory dwelling unit exceed the gross floor area of the principal dwelling unit.

5.2.8.2.ef The accessory dwelling unit must have its own exterior access. Any interior access to the principal dwelling must be lockable from both dwellings.

5.2.8.2.fg There is sufficient off-street parking on the parcel to accommodate two spaces for the principal dwelling and one space per bedroom in the accessory unit, which may include garage spaces.

5.2.8.2.gh The application materials indicated storage locations for solid waste and recycling containers for both dwellings consistent with Town Code requirements.

5.2.8.2.i A platted, deeded public utility easement shall be required and existing utility lines shall be upsized if deemed necessary by the Utilities Department.

5.2.8.2.hj Units that existed on August 12, 1996 that do not meet one or more provisions of this section may continue as legal non-conforming uses.

6.21 STREETS

6.21.4 DESIGN STANDARDS - PRIVATE STREETS

- 6.21.4.1** Any private street within a non-residential or multi-family development must meet the design standards for town public streets.
- 6.21.4.2** Any private street within a minor residential subdivision must be designed in compliance with the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code, which generally requires a twenty-foot wide improved travel way. Associated drainage facilities must be located in the right of way. Underground utilities may be located within the street right of way or in a separate utility easement. Factors such as the length and alignment of the street and the use of sprinklers in individual buildings may impact the travel way or right of way required by the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code.
- 6.21.4.3** A private street within a minor residential subdivision may be required to provide a right of way of fifty (50) feet if the land and lots are arranged to allow the potential conversion of the street to a public street. If the lot arrangement, surrounding development pattern, zoning, and existing town plans indicate conversion is unlikely, the permit issuing authority may allow a private street to reduce the right of way width to no less than 18 feet.
- 6.21.4.4** Lots for single-family detached dwellings may be created with access to a private street provided that:
- 6.21.4.4.a** No more than four (4) lots may have their sole access to the private street.
 - 6.21.4.4.b** A new private street shall not be an extension of any existing public or private street.
 - 6.21.4.4.c** A new private street shall not be aligned with an existing public street in such a way as may interfere with any planned extension of the public street.
- 6.21.4.5** The intent of this subsection is primarily to allow the creation of not more than four (4) lots with frontage on a private street for single-family development. Therefore, the Town may not approve any project served by a private street authorized by this subsection in which one (1) or more of the lots thereby created is intended for:
- 6.21.4.5.a** Two-family or multi-family residential use, or
 - 6.21.4.5.b** Any other residential use or nonresidential use that would tend to generate more traffic than that customarily generated by four (4) single-family residences with one accessory dwelling unit each.
- 6.21.4.6** To ensure that the intent of this subsection is not subverted, the Town may, among other possible options, require that the approved plans show the types and locations of buildings on each lot or that the lots in a residential development served by a private street be smaller than the permissible size of lots on which two-family or multi-family developments could be located, or that restrictive covenants limiting the use of the subdivided property in accordance with this section be recorded before final plat approval.
- 6.21.4.7** No final plat that shows lots served by private streets may be recorded unless the final plat contains the following notation:
"Further subdivision of any lot shown on this plat as served by a private street maybe prohibited by the Town of Hillsborough *Unified Development Ordinance*."

6.21.4.8 The recorded plat of any development that includes a private street shall clearly state that such street is a private street and must be accompanied by a private street maintenance agreement that is also recorded.