

Article to Propose the Adoption of Accessory Dwelling Units

The purpose of this article is to see if the town will vote to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in single and two-family dwellings in residential districts, or take any action related thereto.

This article is intended to recognize and build on the majority support for ADU's from both the 2019 town meeting and from town residents who recognize a clear need to:

1. make available more reasonably priced housing opportunities for people need housing of a type or for a price not currently available to them and
2. offer homeowners with larger homes and available space, but who have limited incomes, an opportunity to monetize that space in order to continue to live in their homes and be able to pay their rising property taxes
3. create a space in their home to care for elderly or disabled family members or to be cared for themselves as they age

The attached draft article draws on ADU legislation from several municipalities near and comparable to Arlington. It is intended to emphasize the purpose of ADUs in helping to resolve the above problems currently facing town citizens.

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