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Fire Department ADU Checklist/FAQs

The Hayward Fire Prevention Bureau works with permit applicants to ensure compliance with all current applicable state and local codes, which aims to ensure public health and safety.

- 1) Does the proposed project meet or exceed off street parking requirements?**
If "no" your project may require additional safety measures to ensure public safety. On street parking on narrow roads (20'-26' wide) is prohibited (CFC Appendix D- 103.6.1).
- 2) Fire sprinklers - Is the primary residence protected by fire sprinklers?**
If "yes", the ADU (attached or detached) must have fire sprinkler protection.
- 3) Fire sprinklers and detached ADU - Is the detached ADU greater than a gross area of 1,200 square feet?**
If "yes", the ADU must have fire sprinkler protection.
- 4) Fire sprinklers and Attached ADUs -**
 - A. Is the project an attached ADU greater than 50% of existing conditioned living area?**
If "yes", the entire house and ADU are required to be protected with a fire sprinkler system.
 - B. Does the overall gross floor area, including entire existing house and new ADU, exceed 3,600 square feet?**
If "yes", the entire house and ADU are required to be protected with a fire sprinkler system.
- 5) ADU Address - Is the address of the ADU visible and legible from the street?**
If "no," your project may require additional safety measures.
- 6) ADU Fire Access - Is the hose lay distance from the street curb of the lot to all portions of exterior walls of the proposed ADU no greater than 150 feet as measured along a minimum 3-foot clear path to all sides of the ADU?**
If "no," your project may require additional safety measures.
- 7) Hydrant Proximity - Are all portions of exterior walls of the ADU within 600 feet hose lay distance of a fire hydrant, as measured along a minimum 3-foot clear path to all sides of the ADU?**
If "no," your project may require additional safety measures.
- 8) Hydrant Water Flow - Is a minimum flow of 1,000 gpm at 20 psi available from the closest hydrant?**
If "no", you must submit a letter from the water purveyor that serves your property that contains current water flow data (<5 years old) with your building permit application. If the flow is less than 1,000 gpm at 20 psi, Fire staff will evaluate if additional fire safety measures are required.
- 9) Is the project in the Wildland Urban Interface Area (WUI) (East of Mission Blvd., South of D St., and all of Fairview)?**
If "yes", including decks, construction shall meet all applicable codes, including California Fire Code (CFC) Chapter 49 (including local amendments), California Residential Code (CRC R337) and California Building Code (CBC) Chapter 7A.
- 10) Does the site plan show separation distances?**
If "no", indicate the distance of the proposed ADU exterior walls and eaves from the existing (neighboring) property lines and onsite structures.