

City of Oakland
Proposed Changes to Secondary Unit Regulations
Rockridge Community Planning Council
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BACKGROUND

Housing Element of Oakland General Plan

Adopted by City Council 2014

- Oakland housing production goal (2014-2022) = **14,765 units**
- Oakland housing past production (2007-2013) = **3,697 units**
- Policy 1.4 (Secondary units): Support construction of secondary units as an important source of housing.
 - Action 1.4.1: Update parking regulations. Explore option of eliminating parking space requirement.
 - Action 1.4.2: Explore eliminating setback requirements.

Housing Equity Roadmap

Adopted by City Council 2015

- Recommendation: Consider relaxing parking and setback requirements to facilitate construction of secondary units.

Yes in My Backyard: Mobilizing the Market for Secondary Units

UC Berkeley Center for Community Innovation 2012

- Secondary units are one potential solution to addressing housing affordability.
- Homeowners are interested in constructing secondary units but regulations prevent many homeowners from doing so.
- Parking requirements may be the biggest regulatory obstacle to secondary units.
- Occupants of secondary units own fewer cars; 23% do not own cars.
- Recommendation: Modify regulations to reduce/relax parking and other requirements for secondary units.