**WHAT IS AN ADU?**

ADU stands for Accessory Dwelling Unit. It is an additional, self-contained housing unit that is secondary to the main residence on a single family home lot. It must have all features that are required in a standard residence (kitchen, bathroom, sleeping area, heat, etc.). ADUs are also known as granny units, in-law apartments and second units.

**DOES MY ADU REQUIRE A NEW WATER SERVICE?**

It depends on the type of ADU you are building. Conversion ADU (see definition below) do **NOT** require a new water service.

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**CONVERSION ADU**

Your ADU is considered a **conversion ADU** if

- It is contained within the square footage of an existing home (e.g. family room) or
- It is contained within the existing square footage of a legal structure on your property (e.g., detached garage)

*NOTE: Up to 150 square feet may be added for purposes of accommodating ingress and egress only.*

**NO NEW SERVICE IS REQUIRED.**

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**NEW CONSTRUCTION ADU**

Your ADU is considered **new construction** if

- Square footage was added horizontally or vertically
- It is not part of an existing home or structure on your property
- Contained within an illegal structure (constructed without permits)

**NEW DEDICATED WATER SERVICE IS REQUIRED.** Fees include:

- Application Fee
- Water Capacity Fee
- Meter Fee

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This information is intended to help you determine which Water District fees may apply to your project. Please refer to either the City of Capitola or the County of Santa Cruz to officially determine if your project is considered a new construction or conversion ADU.