

Motion Sheet

I move to amend line 59 as follows:

“internal, attached, or external ADU in Single Family 1 and Single Family 2 residential zones”

*Rationale:*

Attached ADUs, which are accessory dwellings built onto an existing home, are a form of ADU that are technically distinct from internal ADUs (which are built by converting part of the existing home) and can be more affordable and lower-impact than external ADUs (which are built detached from the existing home). Compared to external ADUs, attached ADUs generally offer lower construction costs, more flexibility to build the ADU further from trees and property lines, and reduced heating and cooling bills through better energy efficiency. Given Austin Energy’s recent rulemaking that pushes ADUs further from property lines, an attached ADU may be the only solution for some homeowners.

During the work session discussion on Tuesday, CM Tovo indicated the intent of the resolution is to contemplate and streamline our options for different kinds of accessory dwellings, so I hope and intend for this amendment to be viewed as friendly to that goal.