



Pre-Approved Accessory Dwelling Unit Standard Plans

Subject to reevaluation no later than next code adoption

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In accordance with Government Code Section 65852.27, the Kern County Public Works - Building Inspection Division (BID) is developing a program for the preapproved Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) standard plans, which is set to be implemented by January 1, 2025. BID is inviting architects, engineers, and designers to submit their ADU plans for consideration in this program.

Details on submission guidelines can be found on the instruction document *Preapproved ADU Instructions for Engineer, Architect, Designer*.

Program Details and Compliance:

We welcome submissions from all qualified professionals for ADU plan preapproval. Submitted plans will be reviewed and approved in compliance with the current triennial 2022 California Building Standards Code.

ADU plans that receive preapproval will be posted on the BID's website. This posting is for informational purposes and should not be interpreted as an endorsement of the applicant or as an approval for specific ADU projects. The applicant's contact information, as provided, will also be made available online, though the accuracy of this information is the responsibility of the applicant. Preapproved ADU standard plans can be removed from our website within 30 days upon receiving a written request from the applicant.

Our program may also include ADU plans that have been preapproved by other agencies within the state.

Submission Guidelines:

Kern County, being the third largest in the state, will divide the area into three distinct regions based on climate zones due to its vast size and diverse design criteria. As a result, applicants will need to submit separate applications for each designated climate zone.

Permit applications will only be accepted online. Submissions should include a complete set of plans in compliance with the current triennial California Building Standards Code.

Plans submitted after October 18, 2024, will not be guaranteed to be on the website at launch on January 1, 2025.

Any questions please contact our office at 661-862-8650