What are Accessory Apartments?

Accessory apartments are small, independent living units that are either attached to or detached from a single-family home.

Naturally Affordable • Environmentally Sustainable • Fits Right In to the Neighborhood

Connecticut recently legalized accessory apartments! Get the facts:

- **What benefits do towns get from new accessory apartments?**
  - Reduced per-unit infrastructure expenses because units are nestled within existing housing.
  - An increase in permitting and tax revenues.

- **Do building codes apply to new units?**
  - Yes! And towns can create design standards to guide their development.

- **How do accessory apartments benefit homeowners?**
  - They increase property values up to 50%!
  - They can provide rental income.

- **Who can live in an accessory apartment?**
  - Anyone! They’re great for students, people with disabilities, multi-generational families, and seniors.

- **Have other states legalized them?**
  - Yes! Vermont and New York have – as well as California and Oregon.
  - California saw an 11-fold increase in accessory apartment permits within 4 years of legalization.

- **Are accessory apartments good for the environment?**
  - Yes! They are built where housing already exists, so there’s no extra sprawl – and their small size means they use less electricity and water.

3 WAYS TO SHARE YOUR SUPPORT!

1. Email town officials!
2. Speak up at local public hearings!
3. Join our mailing list!

"Being able to add a unit where a parent or child is living next door would make a big difference."
- Donna T. Morrison, Realtor

"These units fit the needs of the community members, and have a big effect on future generations."
- Alexis Meehan, Regional Planner

Find out more at: www.desegregatect.org/adu