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City Council Staff Report

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Lead Department: Planning and Development Services

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TITLE

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Year End Report (Quarter 1 through 4 of CY 2023)

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational report, and no action is required.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

This report transmits information related to application activity for accessory dwelling units (ADU), including junior accessory dwelling units (JADU) for calendar year 2023. Since 2015, the City has received 664 ADU/JADU building permit applications and issued 500 permits. In 2023, there were 29 (19%) applications less than the previous calendar year. Despite the decrease in new ADU/JADU applications submitted, the City saw nearly an equal number of permits issued, with a modest 5% increase over the previous calendar year. It is also notable that there was a significant uptick in ADU/JADU permits receiving their “Final Inspection”, with 39 additional permits receiving their final inspection or an increase of approximately 39% over the previous calendar year.

As it relates to the Housing Element, the data continues to support the anticipated housing unit production expected from ADU/JADUs for the current housing element cycle. Throughout 2023, the ADU sizes range from 227 to 1,000 square feet, with an average size of 571 square feet. Approximately 41% of applications are located north of Oregon Expressway, and 59% are located south of Oregon Expressway. This is a change in the historical pattern of the City receiving a majority of ADU and JADU applications for parcels north of Oregon Expressway. Further details can be found in Table 1 of Attachment A.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

This informational report has no fiscal impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Exempt from environmental review under Section 15061 of the CEQA Guidelines.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: 2023 Year End ADU/JADU Data

APPROVED BY:

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