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City Council Staff Report

From: City Manager

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Lead Department: Planning and Development Services

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TITLE

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) - 2024 Year End Report

RECOMMENDATION

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

ANALYSIS

This report transmits information related to application activity for accessory dwelling units (ADU), including junior accessory dwelling units (JADU) for calendar year 2024. Since 2015, the City has received 800 ADU/JADU building permit applications and issued 624 building permits. Throughout 2024, the City received 136 new applications, issued 124 ADU permits, and provided an approved Final Inspection on 105 ADU/JADU permits. 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, which is an average of 64 units per year over the 8-year planning period or a total of 512 units.

In 2024, the ADU sizes of open applications in this period range from 165 to 1,000 square feet, with an average size of 558 square feet. Approximately 44% of applications are located north of Oregon Expressway, and 56% are located south of Oregon Expressway. Since 2017, the majority of ADU/JADU permits relative to the Oregon Expressway has shifted between north and south from year to year. Further details can be found in Table 1 of Attachment A.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

This action has no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: 2024 Year End Data

APPROVED BY:

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