Susan Ellinger

From: Susan Ellinger
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 10:43 AM
To: 'Byron Woltersdorf'; Cnty CommDev Land Use
Cc: Jose Alvarez; Amy Wooten; Jeffrey Delapena
Subject: RE: Rural ADU

Hi Byron –

We are trying to make it happen before the end of the year because our funding runs out for the consultant that has helped us with the code changes. So that is what we will do if at all possible. Hope that helps!

Susan

From: Byron Woltersdorf <byronw@cnwe.cc>
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Subject: Re: Rural ADU

Susan, I am doing well I hope you are the same. Thanks for your response.

No if I can only get a response on the attachment portion of the RADU that is supported by code then I can make a decision.
Do you really think the revision will happen before the end of the year?

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Subject: RE: Rural ADU

Hi Byron -

Hope you are well, it's been a while since I have talked to you.

Please contact Community Development (landuse@clark.wa.gov), who are copied on this email, regarding the current interpretation if an arbor can qualify as an attached structure for a rural ADU.

Regarding changes to the rural ADU code, we are planning to draft code to implement HB 1345 for detached rural ADU provisions. It is currently planned for inclusion as a part of the phase 3 implementation of the Housing Options Study and Action plan prior to the end of 2026. We do not yet have a draft code.

I do want to let you know that because of the way the legislation is written, the county needs to determine if/how we can meet all of the requirements. We also need to do some public outreach because there is a lot of interest in how the provisions will be implemented. Because of this, there is a chance that this could be separated from the phase 3 implementation and follow a different time frame. We do not have any set dates yet.

Please feel free to check back with us in the future. Thanks!

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From: Jeffrey Delapena <Jeffrey.Delapena@clark.wa.gov>
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Subject: FW: Rural ADU

Hello all,

Could you please provide guidance on the below question?

Thanks,
Jeff

-----Original Message-----
From: Byron Woltersdorf <byronw@cnwe.cc>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 10:40 AM
To: Cnty Community Planning <CommunityPlanning@clark.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: Rural ADU

Jeff is there a change to this section of the Rural ADU code that is currently going through planning and commissioner review?

Regards,

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Cc: Cnty CommDev Land Use <landuse@clark.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: Rural ADU

Good day, Byron,

Thank you for your inquiry. I am forwarding your questions to Community Development Land Use to review and advise.

Best,

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Subject: Rural ADU

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Currently the code stated that a rural ADU needs to be attached to the main house to qualify as an ADU.
I have a guest house that is in an accessory building that I would like to convert to an ADU. Would an arbor that is 8' tall connecting both the house and existing accessory Guest house qualify as a connection between the buildings?

I also hear that in the near future the connection my not be required for the rural area, is this true and what is the proposed timeline?

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