

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A  
OF THE CITY CODE –ZONING ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:**

Section 1. Appendix A, "Zoning" of the Code of the City of Charlotte is hereby amended as follows:

A. CHAPTER 2: DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

1. PART 2: DEFINITIONS

- a. Add following definition for “dwelling, accessory unit” in Section 2.201, “Definitions”, in alphabetical order. The new definition shall read as follows:

**Dwelling, Accessory Unit.**

A second dwelling unit created on a lot with a single family detached dwelling unit and may either be located within the principal detached dwelling or within a separate accessory structure.

- b. Delete the below definition of “Elderly and disabled housing” in Section 2.201, “Definitions”. The definition currently reads as follows:

**~~Elderly and Disabled Housing.~~**

~~A dwelling unit which is located on the same lot as a principal dwelling unit and intended to be used by an occupant who is at least 55 years old or disabled and related to the owner of the principal dwelling by blood, marriage or adoption.~~

B. CHAPTER 9: GENERAL DISTRICTS

1. PART 1: TABLE OF USES AND HIERARCHY OF DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Table 9.101, by adding “dwelling, accessory unit” as a permitted accessory use with prescribed conditions in the following designated zoning districts, under the “Accessory Uses & Structures” category within the “Single Family & Multi-Family”, “Urban Residential & Mixed Use”, and Office and Business Uses” tables. The use shall

be added in alphabetical order.

<b>Single Family &amp; Multi-Family - Accessory Uses &amp; Structures:</b>										
	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	R-8	R8-MF	R-12MF	R-17MF	R-22MF	R43-MF
<u>Dwelling, Accessory Unit</u>	<u>PC</u>									

<b>Urban Residential &amp; Mixed Use - Accessory Uses &amp; Structures:</b>							
	UR-1	UR-2	UR-3	UR-C	MX-1	MX-2	MX-3
<u>Dwelling, Accessory Unit</u>	<u>PC</u>						

<b>Office &amp; Business - Accessory Uses &amp; Structures:</b>							
	O-1	O-2	O-3	B-1	B-2	B-D	BP
<u>Dwelling, Accessory Unit</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>		

- b. Amend Table 9.101, by deleting “elderly and disabled housing as an accessory to a single family dwelling” and “guest houses and servant quarters as an accessory to a single family dwelling” as a permitted accessory uses with prescribed conditions in the following designated zoning districts, under the “Accessory Uses & Structures” category within the “Single Family & Multi-Family”, “Urban Residential & Mixed Use”, and Office and Business Uses” tables.

<b>Single Family &amp; Multi-Family - Accessory Uses &amp; Structures:</b>										
	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	R-8	R8-MF	R-12MF	R-17MF	R-22MF	R43-MF
Elderly and disabled housing as an accessory to a single family dwelling	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC
Guest houses and servant quarters as an accessory to a single family dwelling	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC

<b>Urban Residential &amp; Mixed Use - Accessory Uses &amp; Structures:</b>							
	UR-1	UR-2	UR-3	UR-C	MX-1	MX-2	MX-3
Elderly and disabled housing as an accessory to a single family dwelling	PC						
Guest houses and servant quarters as an accessory to a single family dwelling	PC						

<b>Office &amp; Business - Accessory Uses &amp; Structures:</b>							
	O-1	O-2	O-3	B-1	B-2	B-D	BP
Elderly and disabled housing as an accessory to a single family dwelling	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC		
Guest houses and servant quarters as an accessory to a single family dwelling	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC		

2. PART 2: SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.204, “Permitted accessory uses and structures”, by modifying item (6) to indicate “dwellings, accessory units” as a permitted accessory use and (8) to indicate “Reserved”. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.204. Permitted accessory uses and structures.**

- (6) Dwelling, accessory units ~~Elderly and disabled housing~~ as an accessory to a single family detached dwelling, subject to the regulations of Section 12.407.
- (8) Reserved. ~~Guest houses and employee quarters as an accessory to a single family detached dwelling,~~ subject to the regulations of Section 12.412.

3. PART 3: MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.304, “Permitted accessory uses and structures”, by modifying item (5) to indicate “dwellings, accessory units” as a permitted accessory use and (7) to indicate “Reserved”. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.304. Permitted accessory uses and structures.**

- (5) Dwelling, accessory units ~~Elderly and disabled housing~~ as an accessory to a single family detached dwelling, subject to the regulations of Section 12.407.
- (7) Reserved. ~~Guest houses and employee quarters as an accessory to a single family detached dwelling,~~ subject to the regulations of Section 12.412.

4. PART 7: OFFICE DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.704, “Permitted accessory uses and structures”, by modifying item (5) to indicate “dwellings, accessory units” as a permitted accessory use, and item (7) to indicate “Reserved”. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.704. Permitted accessory uses and structures.**

- (5) Dwelling, accessory units ~~Elderly and disabled housing~~ as an accessory to a single family dwelling unit, subject to the regulations of Section 12.407.
- (7) Reserved. ~~Guest houses and employee quarters as an accessory to a single family detached dwelling,~~ subject to the regulations of Section 12.412.

5. PART 8: BUSINESS DISTRICTS

- a. Amend Section 9.804, “Permitted accessory uses and structures”, by modifying item (5) to indicate “dwellings, accessory units” as a permitted accessory use, and item (7) to

indicate “Reserved”. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 9.804. Permitted accessory uses and structures.**

- (5) Dwelling, accessory units ~~Elderly and disabled housing~~ as an accessory to a single family dwelling unit, subject to the regulations of Section 12.407. (B-1 and B-2 only)
- (7) Reserved. ~~Guest houses and employee quarters as an accessory to a single family dwelling unit, subject to the regulations of Section 12.412. (B-1 and B-2 only)~~

C. CHAPTER 11: CONDITIONAL ZONING DISTRICTS

1. PART 2: MIXED-USE DISTRICTS (MX-1, MX-2, AND MX-3)

- a. Amend Section 11.204, “Permitted accessory uses and structures”, by modifying item (6) to indicate “dwellings, accessory units” as a permitted accessory use and item (8) to indicate “Reserved”. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 11.204. Permitted accessory uses and structures.**

- (6) Dwelling, accessory units ~~Elderly and disabled housing~~ as an accessory to a single family detached dwelling, subject to the regulations of Section 12.407.
- (8) Reserved. ~~Guest houses and employee quarters as an accessory to a single family detached dwelling, subject to the regulations of Section 12.412.~~

D. CHAPTER 12: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY

1. PART 1: SUPPLEMENTAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

- a. Amend Section 12.106, “Uses and structures prohibited and allowed in required setbacks and yards”, item (2)(a), by modifying language regarding accessory structures and eliminating references to elderly or disabled housing, guest homes and employee quarters. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 12.106. Uses and structures prohibited and allowed in required setbacks and yards.**

- (2)(a) No accessory structures, including architectural features, as cited in five

(5) below, shall be located within any setback or side yard required of these regulations, or located within three (3) feet of a lot line in the established rear yard. No accessory structure shall be located within any established setback in any residential district, except as otherwise provided. If an accessory structure exceeds a height of 24 feet in the single-family, multi-family, urban residential and mixed use districts, it must be located at least 15 feet from the rear and side property lines. In all zoning districts, except as provided for in Section 12.108, if the accessory structure exceeds the height of the principal structure, it must meet the minimum side yard of the principal structure and be located at least 15 feet from the rear property line. In addition, no accessory structure, excluding the square footage of an accessory dwelling unit, shall exceed the total square footage of the heated area located on the first floor of the principal structure.

Accessory dwelling units shall comply with the yard requirements and size limits prescribed in Section 12.407. ~~This section notwithstanding, no elderly or disabled housing, guest houses, or employee quarters shall be located within 15 feet of a rear property line or along any side property line within the required side yard dimension.~~ In the RE-1, RE-2, and BP districts, a security gate or guard station may be located within the required setback. Piers, docks, and other water-dependent accessory structures may be located in any required setback or yard on lots, which abut a body of water. A fence, wall, mailbox, utility pole, light-pole, or patio at grade, paths, walkways, or berm may be located in any required setback or yard. Signs may be located in a required setback or yard provided that they are in accordance with Chapter 13 of these regulations. Bus stops shelters may be located in any setback or yard, which abuts a street in accordance with Section 12.513.

2. PART 2: OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

- a. Amend Table 12.202, “Minimum Required Off-Street Parking Spaces by Use” by replacing “Dwelling, accessory elderly or disabled” with “Dwelling, accessory unit” under the “Residential Uses” heading. The revised text shall read as follows:

<u>Permitted Uses</u>	<u>Number of Auto Parking Spaces Required</u>	<u>Long-term Bicycle Parking Spaces Required</u>	<u>Short-term Bicycle Parking Spaces Required</u>
<b><u>RESIDENTIAL USES:</u></b>			
Dwellings, accessory <del>unit elderly or disabled</del>	1 space per unit	n/a	n/a

3. PART 4: ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

- a. Amend Section 12.407, “Elderly and disabled housing”, by deleting the existing section and replacing the wording with the prescribed conditions for “Dwellings, accessory unit”. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 12.407. Dwellings, accessory unit ~~Elderly and disabled housing~~.**

Accessory dwelling units (ADU) ~~Elderly and disabled housing~~ shall be permitted as an accessory to any single family detached dwelling unit in accordance with the following requirements:

- (1) The ADU shall be clearly subordinate to the principal single family detached structure.
- (2) No more than one ADU shall be located on a lot.
- (3) The ADU and the principal dwelling shall be owned by the same person.
- (4) The ADU shall not be served by a driveway separate from that serving the principal dwelling. However, if the ADU is within an accessory structure and located on a corner lot or a lot that abuts an alley, a separate driveway may be provided from the side street or the alley, whichever applies.
- (5) An ADU located within the principal single family detached structure shall comply with the following additional requirements:
  - (a) The ADU shall be limited to 35% of the total floor area of the principal structure. However in no case shall the ADU exceed 800 heated square feet.
  - (b) The ADU shall not be internally accessible from the principal dwelling.
  - (c) The pedestrian entrance to the ADU shall be located to the side or rear of the structure.
- (6) An ADU located within an accessory structure shall comply with the following additional requirements:
  - (a) The ADU shall have a floor area no greater than 50% of the principal structure and under no circumstances cover more than 30% of the established rear yard. However, in no case shall the ADU exceed 800 heated square feet.
  - (b) The structure shall be no taller than the principal dwelling.

(c) The ADU shall be located in the rear yard and not be any closer than 15 feet to a rear property line or along any side property line within the required side yard dimension. If the ADU is located within a garage structure and the parcel abuts an alley, the structure may be located up to 5 feet from the rear property line if the garage is accessed from the alley.

(d) Roof and exterior wall materials and finishes of the ADU shall be similar in composition and appearance to that of the principal dwelling on the lot. However, this requirement does not apply to additions or exterior modifications to an existing accessory structure for the purpose of creating an ADU.

- ~~(1) Elderly and disabled housing may be attached, within or separate from the principal dwelling.~~
- ~~(2) The principal use of the lot shall be a detached single family dwelling.~~
- ~~(3) No more than one elderly or disabled unit shall be located on a lot.~~
- ~~(4) The elderly and disabled housing and principal dwelling shall be owned by the same person.~~
- ~~(5) The elderly and disabled housing shall not be served by a driveway separate from that serving the principal dwelling.~~
- ~~(6) The elderly and disabled housing shall have a floor area no greater than 50% of the principal structure and under no circumstances cover more than 30% of the rear yard.~~
- ~~(7) Detached elderly and disabled housing shall be located in the rear yard and not be any closer than 15 feet to a rear property line or along any side property line within the required side yard dimension.~~
- ~~(8) If the elderly and disabled housing is in a detached accessory structure, then the minimum lot size shall be 2 times the minimum for the district and the structure shall be no taller, as measured from grade, than the principal dwelling.~~
- ~~(9) The occupant of an elderly or disabled housing unit must be at least 55 years old or disabled and related to the owner of the principal dwelling by blood, marriage or adoption.~~
- ~~(10) Roof and exterior wall materials and finishes of the elderly housing or disabled housing must be comparable in composition and appearance to that of the principal dwelling on the lot.~~

~~(11) — The owner of elderly and disabled housing must register annually with Neighborhood Development.~~

- b. Delete Section 12.412, “Guest houses and employee quarters”, and replace with the term “Reserved”. The revised text shall read as follows:

**Section 12.412. Reserved Guest houses and employee quarters.**

~~A detached guest house or employee quarters shall be permitted as an accessory to any detached single family dwelling unit in accordance with the following requirements:~~

- ~~(1) — The guest house or employee quarters should be clearly subordinate to the principal structure.~~
- ~~(2) — The minimum lot size for the lot on which the guest house or employee quarters is located shall be 2 times the minimum lot requirement for the district.~~
- ~~(3) — Guest houses and employee quarters shall have floor area no greater than 50% of the principal structure.~~
- ~~(4) — No more than one housing unit serving as a guest house or employee quarters shall be located on a lot.~~
- ~~(5) — Guest houses or employee quarters shall be owned by the same person who owns the principal dwelling.~~
- ~~(6) — Guest houses or employee quarters shall not be served by a driveway separate from that serving the principal dwelling.~~
- ~~(7) — Guest houses or employee quarters shall be located in the rear yard and not be any closer than 15 feet to a rear property line or along any side property line within the required side yard dimension.~~
- ~~(8) — Guest houses and employee quarters shall be no taller than the principal dwelling as measured from grade.~~

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

I, \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City

Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, the reference having been made in Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page(s)\_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.