

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: Aug. 11, 2022

Subject: General Plan Maintenance Fee for Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units

On May 10, 2018, the City Council approved Resolution [R-311730](#) waiving General Plan Maintenance Fees (GPMF) for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU). When the Resolution was approved, it was anticipated that only one additional unit would be built per parcel. However, with the City of San Diego's recent adoption of its [ADU Density Bonus Program](#), many ADU units can now be constructed on a single lot.

The policy behind the GPMF waiver has since evolved, and the waiver of an otherwise generally applicable fee is no longer needed to incentivize the production of ADUs. As such, on Aug. 10, 2022, the City Council approved reinstating the general plan maintenance fee for all ADUs – previously referred to as companion units – and JADUs.

The Fiscal Year 2023 GPMF flat fee is \$496 and is subject to an annual inflationary adjustment every July 1.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Does GPMF apply to the first two ADUs or JADUs?

Yes, there are no exemptions from GPMF for ADUs. The GPMF is a flat fee paid for each building permit or combo building permit. Therefore, if more than one ADU is included in a single building permit or combo permit, the GPMF would be charged only once for that building permit or combination permit and would not be charged for each ADU included in the project.

2. Are ADUs and JADUs smaller than 750 square feet exempt from GMPF?

No, all ADUs and JADUs, including those smaller than 750 square feet, are subject to GPMF. However, ADUs and JADUs smaller than 750 square feet are exempt from Development Impact Fees.

3. When is the GPMF fee due?

GPMF is a submittal fee and is due at the time of application.

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