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## Director's Guidance Memo 2025-04

DATE: August 4, 2025  
TO: Planning Department  
FROM:  Mélisa R. K. Babb, Planning Director  
SUBJECT: Accessory Dwelling Units

This memo updates the Planning Department's interpretation of a section of code relating to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

The current code language in AMC 21.05.070.D.1 allows ADUs in residential districts when they are accessory to a dwelling on a parcel. A strict interpretation of code, as written, limits this to Household Living uses and does not include Group Living uses.

Until such time as an amendment to AMC 21.05.070.D.1 can be processed, the department is directed to interpret ADUs as a permitted accessory use to all Residential Uses, which includes both Household Living and Group Living, as listed in Table 21.05-1 of AMC 21.05, per the original intent of Assembly Ordinance 2022-107, as amended.