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### **THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION HOSTS ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT WORKSHOP FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. March 3, 2023** – The City of Grand Junction is hosting workshop events throughout 2023 for community members to attend and learn more about the process of building an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). The first workshop will be held on March 7, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall at 250 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

ADUs are “smaller independent living spaces on the same lot as a single-family home and can be attached to the home itself or be separate structures on the property.” The two-hour ADU workshops are structured to review a “tool kit” that covers information about design, permitting, and construction of an ADU. Five workshop dates are available on a first come first served basis. All workshops are free but participants must register [online](#).

“The workshops were created as one of the city’s 13 housing strategies and encourages the development of ADUs in Grand Junction,” said Ashley Chambers, the City’s Housing manager. “By disseminating information and providing assistance in making the development process more approachable, community members can become informed about the benefits and the possibilities of constructing an ADU on their property. ADUs can have a measurable impact on increasing housing options that can be both more affordable for the renter and provide income for the property owner.”

The city first took action to reduce the zoning and development code regulations for ADUs in 2018. In 2022, the city moved ahead to increase their number and provide additional housing options in a tight housing market. An outcome from the city-commissioned Housing Needs Assessment completed in 2021 was the creation of 13 housing strategies that delivered “a blueprint for the City and its partner agencies to begin to address critical housing needs in the community.” One of the city’s adopted strategies is to encourage the development of ADUs to promote a variety of housing options while increasing density in both new and existing neighborhoods.

For information about ADU workshops or to register, call the Housing Division at 970-256-4081, email [housing@gjcity.org](mailto:housing@gjcity.org), or visit [gjcity.org/housing](http://gjcity.org/housing).

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