

Strong Economy: Housing Choices

This board provides background information about different types of housing that could be included in Lafayette, as the community continues to evolve and various areas are re-imagined.

Participants in Legacy Lafayette indicated support for exploring and encouraging a wider range of housing types in the City, as part of the Community Survey conducted this summer, and during initial meetings and the Launch Party.

The following outlines some potential types of housing that could be included in Lafayette, as the community continues to evolve and certain areas of Lafayette are re-imagined.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

- These units, often including a bedroom, small living area, and supporting facilities, are often developed in the backyards of existing single family residential lots.
- ADUs could be integrated into existing Lafayette neighborhoods, or developed as part of new projects within the City.
- ADUs, often called “granny flats”, help provide for multi-generational household living, and can also serve as an additional source of revenue for owners of residential lots.



Examples of Accessory Dwelling Units

Tiny Homes

As the name implies, Tiny Homes can provide smaller – and thus more affordable - living spaces. They are particularly attractive to young working families and singles. As an example, the Community First! Village in Austin, TX – A 27-acre master planned community containing tiny homes, mobile homes, teepees, community garden, medical facility, bed and breakfast, and outdoor movie theater.



Example of Tiny Home.



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Multi-Generational Housing

- Some developments around the country have included a full “continuum” of housing, for senior adults, ranging from independent living, to full service nursing care. The Norterre development in Missouri (pictured) touts housing options for multiple generations under one facility, along with restaurants, health and fitness centers, child care, and other services, all within one complex.
- The model of serving multiple generations is becoming more common nationwide.



Norterre Development, Liberty, Missouri.



Example of smaller lot residential homes.



Example of residential located above retail; Mixed-use project in Buena Vista, CO.