

Glendale ADU Forbearance Check Worksheet

For a Glendale ADU plan that may rely on the City's October 2025 MOU with HCD.

Property address _____

Date _____

Planner spoken with _____

1. Which unenforced provision does your plan rely on?

Under the October 3, 2025 MOU, only these three bans go unenforced. Everything else in GMC 30.34.080 still applies.

- ☐ An ADU above a detached garage
- ☐ A detached ADU on a lot that already has an accessory living quarters
- ☐ A unit combination restricted under Government Code section 66323
- ☐ None of these. Standard GMC 30.34.080 rules apply to this plan.

2. Confirm before you remove contingencies

Has the City Council adopted a compliant amended ordinance since March 31, 2026? Yes / No

If yes, does the amended text still allow the plan checked above? Yes / No

Is the checked provision still under forbearance, or has the MOU ended? Yes / No

Did Planning give this answer in writing (email or stamped handout)? Yes / No

3. Baseline numbers to bring to the counter

Junior ADU, max size	500 sq ft
Standard ADU, max size	1,000 sq ft
Interior setback, ADU 800 sq ft or less	4 ft
Detached ADU height	16 ft (18 ft within 1/2 mile of major transit)
Second bedroom required above	850 sq ft
Development impact fee waived under	750 sq ft

Source: City of Glendale ADU page and GMC 30.34.080, current as of the city's November 7, 2025 update.

4. Notes from the Planning counter

This worksheet is general information about Glendale municipal code and state ADU law, not legal or land use advice. The forbearance described above is tied to a Memorandum of Understanding and may change once Glendale adopts a compliant ordinance. Confirm current status with Glendale Community Development before relying on any answer recorded here.

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Full explainer: alla-novytska.com/journal/glendale-adu-rules-what-the-city-cannot-enforce/

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