

Supervisors give final approval to attached-dwelling ordinance

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SANTA CRUZ — Final approval has been given to a county ordinance that allows homeowners to attach a second dwelling to their homes.

The ordinance received final approval Tuesday in a 3-2 vote of county supervisors, with Supervisors Dan Forbus and E. Wayne Moore Jr. opposed because of concerns this will overly increase density in residential areas.

This so-called accessory second dwelling unit program differs from the affordable second dwelling unit program that recently received conceptual approval from supervisors.

The accessory second dwelling unit program was mandated by the state Legislature under a bill authored by Sen. Henry Mello, D-Watsonville. It doesn't come under the constraints of Measure J, the county's growth control ordinance,

while the affordable second dwelling unit program does.

Also, under the affordable second dwelling unit program, a unit can be detached from the main dwelling. An accessory second dwelling unit must be attached and physically located within the living area of an existing main dwelling.

Under both programs, units can be no larger than 640 square feet.