

SUGGESTED REVISIONS OF THE DRAFT BYLAW 325 – OCP

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1. REVISE NAMES & DEFINITIONS OF THE TYPES OF DWELLING UNITS – for better understanding by the general public, for whom the OCP is written

- Capitalize each word in the title of each unit type
- Use italics for the titles throughout the OCP text to indicate a definition is provided
- Group all the types of Dwelling Units together in the Definitions section
- Add more words to the definitions to increase clarity

DRAFT DEFINITIONS	PROPOSED REVISIONS	COMMENTS
Dwelling Unit means a structure or set of rooms in a building, intended for year-round human habitation containing cooking, sleeping, and living facilities.	<i>Dwelling Unit</i> (same definition as draft definition)	Use italics for the title
Accessory dwelling unit means a dwelling unit accessory to a use that is not residential.	<i>Dwelling Unit, Accessory</i> means a <i>Dwelling Unit</i> that is accessory to a principal use that is not residential and is limited in floor area.	Use “limited in floor area” for consistency with definitions below. Limitation details will be in the revised LUB.
Secondary Dwelling Unit means an attached (secondary suite) or detached secondary dwelling unit that is accessory to a principal dwelling on the same lot that is limited in floor area. Secondary Suite means an accessory, self-contained dwelling unit that is within the principal dwelling having equal or lesser floor area than the principal dwelling unit.	<i>Dwelling Unit, Attached Secondary</i> means a self-contained <i>Dwelling Unit</i> that is accessory to a principal use that is residential, is attached to the exterior of the principal <i>Dwelling Unit</i>, and is limited in floor area. <i>Dwelling Unit, Detached Secondary</i> means a self-contained <i>Dwelling Unit</i> that is accessory to a principal use that is residential, is not attached to the principal <i>Dwelling Unit</i>, and is limited in floor area. <i>Dwelling Unit, Interior Secondary</i> means a self-contained <i>Dwelling Unit</i> that is accessory to a principal use that is residential, is within the principal <i>Dwelling Unit</i>, and is limited in floor area.	Use of “secondary suite” in both draft definitions is confusing to me. As well, including both “attached” and “detached” units in one definition is confusing. Thus, the proposed revision of the two draft definitions divides them into three separate definitions. All three proposed revisions use “limited in floor area” for wording consistency. Limitation details in each case will be in revised LUB.

2. REMOVE THE WORD “ATTAINABLE” FROM TWO PLACES – to avoid confusion with the term “attainable housing” that is in the Definitions section and once in the document (p.91 in Supports and Advocacy section):

- P.10: change “... non-market housing attainable by ...” to “... non-market housing for ...”
- P. 91: in the Why Advocacy is Needed section, change “... diverse, attainable housing options” to “... diverse housing options ...”. The meaning of the sentence is unchanged.
- **Retain** the term “attainable housing” on p.91, in the Supports and Advocacy section