

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT POLICY/ORDINANCE
INTERPRETATION**

Interpretation No.: DET-ACS-01 (Detached structures, accessory structure determination)
Effective Date: 04/17/06
Originally Issued: Supercedes interpretation "Administration of New Attached
Definition" by Glenda Hill dated 6/27/86

Question:

What is the method for attaching two detached structures into one, for the purpose of determining if one or both structures are accessory structures?

**Applicable Ordinance Section(s)
And/or General Plan/LUP Policy(ies)**
13.10.700-D: Definition of "Detached Structure"

INTERPRETATION:


To attach two detached structures into one, a hallway connecting the two structures that provides interior passage with a minimum 36" clear width, a minimum 7-foot headroom, and a maximum length of 25 feet is required. To render two habitable structures as one, the hallway must also be habitable.

The Urban Designer shall review the proposed attachment to determine if it complements the architectural character of the two structures.

Reason:

The method stated above meets the minimum requirements of the Uniform Building Code to ensure fire safety.

This interpretation does not alter the method, found in Section 13.10.700-A (definition of "Attached") for determining if two structures are attached for the purposes of the required 10-foot separation site standard.



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Date