



HOUSING TYPE

TINY HOUSE

Also called bungalow, cottage house, tiny home and ADU

DESCRIPTION

Definition

A tiny house is a smaller housing type that can be mobile or fixed. It provides basic requirements of a home through a minimalist approach and within a small amount of space (typically ≤ 400 square feet).

Housing Units

A tiny house has one (1) housing unit.

Most Common Types

Tiny house on wheels - The tiny house is mobile allowing it to be moved. (Image A & B)

Tiny house built on a foundation - The tiny house is secured to the ground. In this instance the tiny house is considered a detached ADU when it is on the same lot as a primary dwelling. (Image C)

Additional Types

Tiny house community - A parcel of land that has multiple tiny houses on it, forming a neighborhood of tiny houses. (Image D)

NOTABLE FEATURES

Ability to be moved

By design tiny houses often can be moved allowing them to be brought to a new location relatively easily and or temporarily placed on a lot.

Small size

Typically a tiny house is ≤ 400 square feet allowing it to fit on a small lot.



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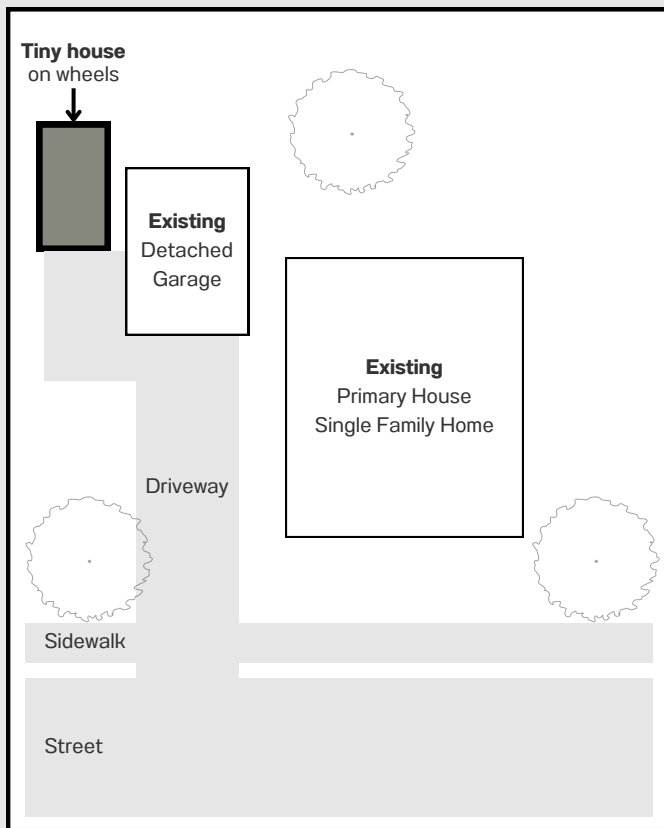
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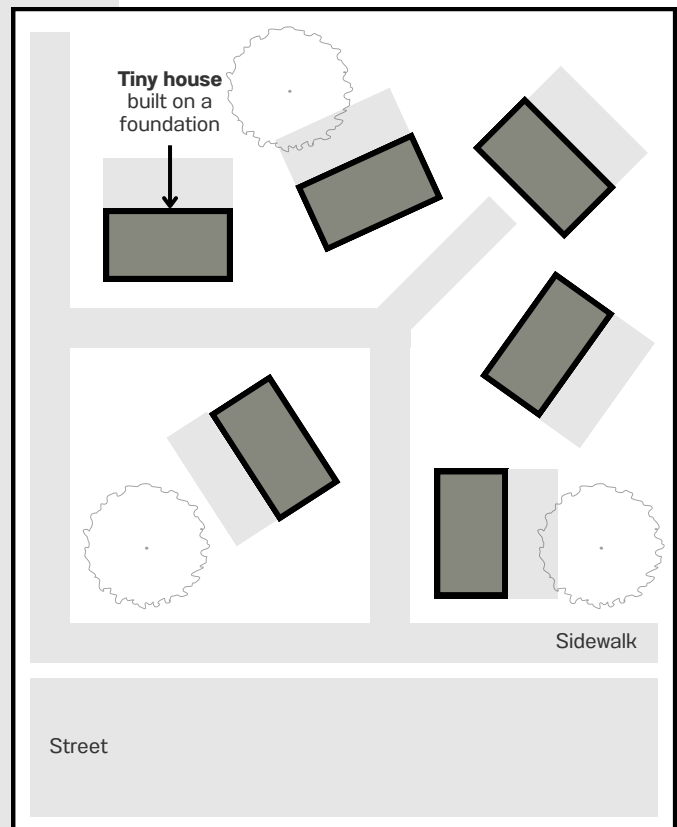
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SAMPLE: A TINY HOUSE & TINY HOUSE COMMUNITY ON A PHYSICAL SITE



A tiny house on wheels next to an existing detached garage on the same lot as a single-family home.



A tiny house community on a corner lot consisting of six (6) tiny houses all built on a foundation.

Best Practices & General Resources

Tiny Houses

Full link: <https://instead.com/building/tiny-houses/>

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