

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

Interpretation No.: ACS-HAB-01 (Accessory Structures, Maximum size of habitable and non-habitable areas)

Effective Date: 11/6/06

Originally Issued: Supercedes interpretation "Administration of New Attached Definition" by Glenda Hill dated 6/27/86

Note: Assigned new description following Interpretation Number on 7/11/08

Question:

How are the maximum allowed sizes of Accessory Structures calculated when both habitable and nonhabitable areas are present?

Applicable Ordinance Section
13.10.700-D: "Detached Structure"

INTERPRETATION:

For Accessory Structures (not including Second Units) containing habitable and nonhabitable areas, the size will be determined as follows:

- a) The habitable area may not exceed 640 square feet without Development Permit approval;
- b) The aggregate size of the habitable and nonhabitable areas may not exceed 1,640 square feet without Development Permit approval.

Reasons:

The Residential Uses Chart allows a maximum 640 square foot habitable accessory use and maximum 1,000 square foot nonhabitable accessory use without Development Permit approval. These may be in separate accessory structures or combined in one accessory structure.

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Date