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A comment has been posted by an ADU team member on case number ADU0004864, submitted on 12/04/2024 04:00:08 PM PST, by Guest at matt.orbach@watsonville.gov.

Hi Matt,

Thank you for reaching out here. I've never seen an argument quite like that before.

I am confirming that "height" is a dimension under Government Code section 66314 (d)(7). That section is more to illustrate that ADU conversions within the same building envelope as an existing structure need not conform to setback restrictions; that does not sound like the case with this project, since the garage's building envelope will be expanded (i.e. it will be taller).

You also correctly point out that this section does not apply to the garage itself; only the ADU above. Even further, the handbook guidance does explicitly mentions height as a dimension that cannot expand in order to preserve the ability to disregard setback requirements.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Best Regards,
Nick

ADU Team

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