

AUXILIARY HOUSING UNIT
Excerpt from the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance

AUXILIARY HOUSING UNIT. A room or group of rooms within a detached single-family dwelling forming a semi-independent habitable unit, which may be occupied by elderly or disabled members of the family occupying the dwelling for separate living, sleeping, cooking or eating purposes.

6-8-2 Auxiliary Housing Units

Where permitted as an accessory use in Part 3, an auxiliary housing unit may be constructed within any single-family detached dwelling following approval of a special use permit as set forth in §8-6, subject to the following standards.

- A. An auxiliary housing unit shall accommodate not more than two members of the family occupying the principal dwelling. At least one of the persons housed in the auxiliary housing unit shall be at least 60 years of age or handicapped or otherwise incapacitated to the extent that independent housing is not practical.
- B. The auxiliary housing unit shall not exceed 500 square feet.
- C. The permit for the auxiliary housing unit shall be valid for a period not exceeding two years. Thereafter, it can be renewed, from time to time, for additional two-year periods upon proof satisfactory to the ZBA that the circumstances warranting the original permit continue to exist.