



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** The Role of Local Governments in Accessory Dwelling Unit Siting

**PURPOSE:** To examine the role and amount of discretion local governments should have in determining the siting of accessory dwelling units.

New York City  
250 Broadway, Manhattan  
Wednesday  
October 13, 2021  
11 a.m.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), commonly known as basement apartments, secondary suites, or mother-in-law apartments, are structures that are located, often attached, on the property of a primary residence and provide complete independent living facilities. Local governments have the authority to enact zoning laws governing siting and establish the permit parameters for ADUs. Advocacy groups such as AARP and the Regional Plan Association suggest that ADUs will help provide affordable housing options and argue the current local siting and permit process can be overly burdensome, time-consuming and expensive. Local governments have expressed concern about the need to ensure the safety of ADUs and preserve municipal zoning powers. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the jurisdiction of local governments in siting and permitting. This hearing will also examine ADU tenant protections, including eviction procedures.

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