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BUILDING INDUSTRY BULLETIN

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TO: ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, GENERAL CONTRACTORS and ASSOCIATIONS

SUBJECT: STANDARD PLAN TEMPLATE CREATION FOR MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT PROJECTS

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The purpose of this bulletin is to notify the building industry on the creation of a Standard Plan Template process in the City of Fresno’s Building Division for Multi-Family, Commercial, and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s).

To enhance and improve the review and permitting process for multi-family, accessory dwelling units, and small commercial projects where the same structure is being constructed multiple times, Planning, Building, and Fire staff have created a template process which customers can select to streamline these types of projects. These templates will expedite the timeline for reviews as the plans for the structure would only be reviewed once and then can be used repetitively throughout the City of Fresno with only a site-specific evaluation, which will expedite review times and reduce fees. The table below highlights the timesaving benefits of this new streamlined process. As with all standard plans, these plans will need to be renewed when the California Building Code is updated, every three years. With the exception of the City’s ADU templates, all building templates are proprietary to the architect or engineer of record.

Type of Plan	Current Process Timelines for	New Process Timelines	Time Saved
ADU	14 days	7 days	7 days 50%
Multi-Family	21-28 days	14 days	14 days up to 50%
Commercial	21-28 days	14 days	14 days up to 50%