

2021/22 Guidelines for West Tisbury Accessory Apartment Rentals

The Town of West Tisbury provides opportunity for the development of Accessory Apartments through special permits issued by its Zoning Board of Appeals. The Town’s Affordable Housing Committee provides annual monitoring of the specially permitted apartments including assistance by the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority for those apartments to be rented affordably. Additional information on the Zoning Bylaws resulting in this housing program is available at the Town Hall.

- Rental of apartments granted under Section 4.4-4 of the Zoning Bylaws are restricted to households earning no more than 80% of Dukes County median income (please see below).
- The Affordable Housing Committee requires proof of current income and recent tax returns to be certified by the Housing Authority.
- The Affordable Housing Committee maintain copies of the landlord’s lease, the tenant’s income certification and a signed program affidavit on file for review upon request by the Town.

2021 Household Income Limits* (80% of Dukes County Area Median Income)

One Person	\$59,200
Two Persons	\$67,650
Three Persons	\$76,100
Four Persons	\$84,550

2021 Maximum Rent Limits*

	<u>Studio</u>	<u>1 Bedroom</u>	<u>2 Bedrooms</u>
With Utilities:	\$1,480	\$1,585	\$1,902
Split Utilities**	\$1,406	\$1,486	\$1,791
Without Utilities***	\$1,326	\$1,406	\$1,665

* Income and rent levels provided annually by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and the Mass Housing Partnership (MHP).

** In order to charge the split utilities rental rate, the heating or electric (not both) must be the utility shared with the primary resident. One example would be a tenant who pays a monitor heater fuel bill while sharing an electric service with the landlord.

*** In order to charge the rental rate without utilities, all utilities must be separately metered and billed in the name of the tenant.

The West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee has reviewed these guidelines.