



Garage Conversion Amnesty Program

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Background



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GARAGE CONVERSION AMNESTY PROGRAM

**Get a permit for an existing unpermitted
garage conversion without penalty
or having to build a new garage.**

1 Program approved on July 24, 2024

2 Bring non-permitted garage conversions into code compliance.

3 Program was open until January 31, 2026.

4 Directed to extend program deadline for 6 months July 31 2026.



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Current Status

Activity	January 20, 2026	July 29, 2026
Amnesty Applications Completed	211	316
Approved Permits	187	242
Properties Brought into Compliance	187	55
Remaining Noncompliant Properties	527	472
Overall Compliance Rate	26.19%	33.89%

Program Analysis



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1 Early identification of owner-occupied vs
renter

2 Insufficient building permit data

3 Program administration deficiencies

Next Steps

- 1** Council may choose to extend the program.
- 2** Council may end the program and allow staff to continue with following existing ordinance regulations.
- 3** Other direction from Council.



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Questions

