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The Hill Country Home Addition Readiness Guide

The right questions to ask before expanding, converting, or reconfiguring your Austin-area home.

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More space is only one part of an addition. Feasibility, structure, site conditions, utilities, approvals, budget, and integration all shape the right solution.

Start with the need, evaluate the whole property, and let feasibility guide the design.

How to use this guide

Print it, mark it up, and bring it to your first design conversation. The goal is not to know every answer today. It is to reveal the decisions that deserve attention before scope, selections, and construction are underway.

Clarify why you need more space

Describe the outcome before deciding the solution. An addition, conversion, ADU, or interior reconfiguration may solve the same need in different ways.

☐ **Rooms or functions we need to add**

☐ **Why the existing home cannot support them today**

☐ **Alternatives we are open to exploring**

Evaluate the home and site together

Rooflines, structure, foundation, drainage, utilities, trees, setbacks, access, neighborhood requirements, and jurisdiction all influence feasibility.

☐ **Documents we already have: survey, plans, HOA information**

☐ **Known site, drainage, tree, or utility constraints**

☐ **Questions for an early home-and-site evaluation**

Do not assume a footprint or second story is feasible before the property and existing structure are reviewed.

Choose the right planning sequence

A coordinated path moves through discovery, conceptual design, feasibility review, scope development, selections, pricing, approvals, construction, and completion.

☐ **What must be verified before design advances?**

☐ **Which professional inputs may be needed?**

☐ **At what milestone should investment range be updated?**

Budget beyond the new room

The investment may include structural work, exterior integration, HVAC, electrical and plumbing extensions, design, engineering, approvals, site work, and transitions between old and new.

☐ **Our preliminary investment conversation**

☐ **Features that are essential versus optional**

☐ **Existing-home upgrades that may be triggered by the project**

Ask the project team to explain the assumptions behind the range, not only the range itself.

Prepare for the first meeting

Bring photos of the home and site, a room-and-function list, inspiration images, an approximate investment range, and any surveys, plans, or neighborhood documents.

☐ **Our three non-negotiable outcomes**

☐ **Our biggest feasibility question**

☐ **The decision we want professional guidance on first**

YOUR NEXT STEP

Turn your notes into a clear remodeling plan.

Bring this addition readiness guide to a free consultation with Upgraded Remodeling. We will review your goals, constraints, priorities, and the decisions that shape a realistic design-build path.

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