

Note: These pages will be superseded by the Electric Service Requirements Manual 2020 or later.

M. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU)

1. GENERAL

- a. ADU's are classified under State Law and the City of Los Angeles Accessory Dwelling Unit LAMC and Government Code as a unit with a full kitchen and bathroom, which is an accessory use to a primary or main single-family residence that cannot be sold separately from the primary or main single-family residence. An ADU may also be incorporated within, attached to, or detached from the primary or main single-family residential structure and may not exceed 1200 square feet in size.

For more information on specific requirements, contact the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and the Los Angeles Department of City Planning.

- b. Construction shall not encroach on Department line facilities, right of ways or easements. For more information on encroachments, contact the Department's Real Estate office, see page 1-7.
- c. When more than one meter will be installed, both attached and detached ADU's shall have a separate and unique legal address that is different from that of the primary residence as approved by the Los Angeles Department of Public Works.
- d. A single service lateral and service point shall be provided per lot or premises.

2. METERING

- a. Unless otherwise approved by the Department, all meters and service equipment shall be grouped into a single location on the primary single-family residence structure in compliance with the Department's service requirements.
- b. For overhead service, the following options are available:
 - (1) Use existing residential meter from primary single-family residence.
 - (2) One residential multiple-metering (2-gang) meter panel with a single service head.
 - (3) Two residential meter panels with separate service heads grouped together, see note 7-14 E1(b).
 - (4) A single commercial safety socket meter panel and service head.
- c. For underground service with multiple-metering, the terminating pull box and service shall be sized to accommodate both the primary residence and ADU service ampacity requirements. Where a single meter serves both spaces, a residential meter panel or a commercial safety socket meter panel with pull box, shall be required.

Note: An increase in service ampacity may dictate a higher equipment fault duty rating, contact the Department for Fault current information.

3. REFERENCES

- a. For meter sockets and meter socket jaw arrangements, see pages 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, and 2-6.
- b. For multiple-metering residential panels, see page 2-24.
- c. For safety socket panels, see pages 2-26 to 2-33.

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- d. For underground pull box, see pages 2-15, 2-16 and 2-17.
- e. For meter locations, heights, clearances, and working space (0-600V), see pages 5-4 to 5-14.
- f. For overhead service, drops, clearances, attachments and service heads, see pages 7-2 to 7-21.
- g. For Fault Current information, see page 1-28.
- h. For construction in the proximity to overhead power lines, refer to Department Standard OA006-01.