



PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) owns and maintains over 700,000 water meter and service connections serving the City of Los Angeles. Typically, multi-family zoned properties are equipped with multiple meters, and single-family residential properties (typically zoned R-1) are served by one meter. Within the City, nearly all of single-family residences are served by one meter and service.

Within LADWP's service area, there are property owners utilizing a part of their single-family residential properties as rental units (attached or detached from main home). Some owners are requesting a separate water and meter service from LADWP to serve their rental unit. Installation of a new water meter and service is a costly and labor-intensive process, requiring excavation onto the street and a second, separate tap into the mainline serving the same residence. This is not a best practice to implement when there is already an existing water service line and meter serving the property.

Effective January 1, 2019, LADWP will stop providing a new water and meter service to single-family residential zoned properties that are already served by an existing LADWP water and meter service. Property owners seeking to charge their tenants the cost of water used in their rental unit will be advised to seek assistance from a qualified plumber who is equipped to make the necessary modifications to provide a private meter and service to the rental unit.

LADWP can assist by providing hydraulic calculations to support adequacy of flow pressure serving the property, as needed. A separate meter and service will not be constructed for a single-family residential-zoned property where a meter and water service already exists.

For questions or additional information, please contact LADWP Water New Business Arrangements Group at 213-367-1178.