

Criteria for exception from the secondary water meter requirements for a proposed secondary dwelling structure also known as accessory dwelling units (ADU).

The Austin Water Utility Criterial Manual requires under Section 2.9.2 F.1. "That those properties with two, three, or four living units shall have an individual water meter serving each living unit". The Utility may make an exception regarding the secondary water meter requirement for existing property owners desiring to build an ADU, provided **all of** the following criteria are met:

1. The property is a "legal lot" as deemed by the requirements of the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 212.
2. Private water and wastewater lines serving the existing and proposed dwelling units do not cross property lines, unless allowed by a recorded easement.
3. The property's zoning and land use is deemed residential and is only requesting to add one ADU as an accessory to the primary dwelling unit.
4. The total combined bathroom count of both the primary dwelling unit and the ADU are less than or equal to 4 ½ baths, and less than or equal to 48 water supply fixture units.
5. The property is connected to the City of Austin wastewater collection system.
6. The property owner has been informed that the City of Austin will bill water and wastewater services for both dwelling units on one utility bill, and that these services will be billed at the residential rate.
7. The property agrees to upgrade an existing 5/8" water meter to a ¾" water meter and pay required fees, if applicable.



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Date