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## RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC PANEL UPGRADE

This information is intended to provide general guidance on the installation of an electrical main panel upgrade on single family residences.

This handout summarizes information contained in the 2019 California Electrical Code, (CEC) and is not intended to replace it. If conditions are encountered that are not covered, please consult the appropriate codes.

## All electrical panel installations and replacements require a permit and final inspection.

General Requirements	
	Approved weatherproof service head, 12' min. height above grade and the drip loop shall be 18" min. above roof.
	Service drop to have a single point of contact to riser.
	Provide 18" of free conductor from service head for attaching to service drop.
	Clearance for service head and service drop. 2019 CEC 230.24(A) through (E)
	<ul> <li>Areas above roofs 8' min. for 3' from edge of roof.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Areas above sidewalks accessible to pedestrian's 12' min.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Areas over residential driveways 12' min.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Areas over commercial driveways 18' min.</li> </ul>
	If service conduit is installed with a lock nuts, provide a bonding bushing or device and bond to the
	enclosure.
	A 100 AMP service will require 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ conduit, 3 - $\frac{1}{4}$ min. copper. 200 AMP requires 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ conduit and 3 -
	2/0 min. copper.
	Mounting supports shall be within 12" of every service head, gooseneck, or connection to a raceway or enclosure and at intervals not exceeding 30". 2019 CEC 230.51(A), (B) or (C)
	Where driven ground rods are used, two rods are required, or a verification that the system meets the less than the 25 ohm requirement.
	Ground rods shall be separated by 6 feet min. 2019 CEC 250.52 (5)(A)(B) 250.53 (A)(1)(2)(B)(G)
	Bond from service to metal cold water pipe and gas piping shall be min #6 copper. 2019 CEC 250.66
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	Bonding jumper at water heater from hot, cold, and gas shall be min #6 copper. 2019 CEC 250.104  Bonding jumper to communication ground shall be min #8 copper. 2019 CEC 830.100 (D)
	Load calculations are generally not required for a service upgrade unless additional load is being added
_	or the inspector determines that calculations are necessary.
	Add Electric Department Meter box. <b>All meter panels much have a ring type meter socket</b> . Ringless
	sockets will not be accepted.

Clear working space in front of the panel shall be 30" wide by 36" deep with a minimum headroom clearance of 6'6". 2019 CEC 110.26(A)(1)(2)(3) Overcurrent devices (breakers) shall be readily accessible and shall be installed so the handle of the switch or breaker is not more than 6'7" above the floor or working platform. 2019 CEC 240.24 (A) Circuit breakers shall be listed and approved types for panels (the brand of breakers must be specifically approved for use with the panel as stated on the panel's label). 2019 CEC 110.3(B) ☐ A multi-wire circuit (3-wire, 240-volt circuit) to a single duplex receptacle requires a handle-tie on the circuit breakers. This is commonly the case where a single duplex receptacle serves both the garbage disposal and the dishwasher. 2019 CEC 210.4 □ Panel shall be permanently labeled. 2019 CEC 110.21(B); 110.22 CUSTOMER TO INSTALL AND PROVIDE A MINIMUM LENGTH OF 18" OF SERVICE ENTRANCE CONDUCTORS AT THE WEATHERHEAD SERVICE CONDUCTOR BY CITY OF UKIAH Min SEE MAST 18" HEIGHT TAE 24" Min TABLE Maximum Mast Height Above Roof Without Bracing (IPS) Conduit Size Maximum Height Above RMC1 or IMC2 Aluminum Roof Without Bracing 1/4" 2" 42" 1/2\* 42" 54" 2 3" 78" Larger Larger 12' Min. TO GROUND — ACCESSIBLE TO PEDESTRIANS AND PRIVATE DRIVEWAY 18' Min. FOR PUBLIC ROAD RMC: rigid metal conduit IMC: intermediate metal conduit RISER CONDUIT Riser Conduit Sizes Conductor in Riser Service Rating Copper | Aluminum STRAP WITHIN 12" 1/4" 1/4" 1.00 4" 1.25 METER BASE AND 1/4" 1/2" 1.50 DISCONNECT 200 400 Conductor Types and Sizes (AWG) Riser Copper | Aluminum Service Rating in Amps Ground Copper Alum 75" Max. 48" Min. 100 4 2 8 6 1/0 2 8 6 150 2/0 6 2/0 200 4/0 4 400 500 700 1/0 3/0 GROUND WIRE IN METAL OR FLEX CONDUIT, AS REQUIRED SEE TABLE ABOVE FOR BY NEC. GROUND WIRE SIZE. BOND ELECTRODE TO GAS PIPE AND METAL WATER PIPE. 20' MINIMUM REBAR #4 OR DIRECT CONTACT STEEL ROD 1/2" DIAMETER WITH EARTH Note: DRIVEN GROUND ROD 3/4"x 8" GALVANIZED PIPE or 5/8"x 8' STEEL OR IRON ROD or 1/2"x 8' NON FERROUS ROD CONSTRUCTION STANDARD CITY OF UKIAH RESIDENTIAL SERVICE ATTACHMENT AND METER LOCATION DETAIL, 400 AMP MAX. ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT SCALE: DATE REVISIONS: 2 Aluminum Grounds DRAWING NO. 23APRIL18 JL JI. SHEET 1 OF RSA-0610-01 DRAWN DATE DESIGNED APPROVAL. CHECKED REVISION City of Ukiah ~ Electric Panel Upgrade ~ Rev 4/2021