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Project Address: 4110 SW Vesta St
Appellant Name: Leon Doja
Appellant Phone: 5032606555
Plans Examiner/Inspector: John Jassman, Brian Crise
Stories: 2 Occupancy: R Construction Type: Wood
Fire Sprinklers: No
LUR or Permit Application No.: 20-124070-ET
Proposed use: Addition Dwelling Unit (ADU)

APPEAL INFORMATION SHEET

Appeal item 1

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Code Section	NEC 230.72
Requires	The requirement of this code is two or more disconnecting mean as permitted by 230.71 shall be grouped.
Code Modification or Alternate Requested	The permission to have two seperate services, the existing service for the main house and the new proposed service for the ADU.
Proposed Design	The main house and ADU were built as two separate buildings but are connected by a deck and a breezeway. PGE has given me a new service location for the ADU because the existing service comes underground to the main house and the underground PVC pipe to the meter in undersized so the service cannot be upsized to allow for power to the ADU. NEC 230.72 which is the code I was cited at the time of inspection states the two or more disconnects must be grouped. In 230.2 (B)(1) Special Occupancy's the AHJ can permit more than one service to a building if it is a "multiple-occupancy building where there is no available space for service equipment accessible to all occupants. The code goes even further to say in 230.40 exp. No.1 " A building with more that one occupancy shall be permitted to have one set of service-entrance conductors for each service as permitted in 230.2, run to each occupancy or group of occupancies.
Reason for alternative	The code allows to have two separate service for one building under special circumstances. I believe a special circumstance exists here, because these buildings are separate buildings connected by an outdoor deck. The existing service is inadequate for both occupancy's and is impossible to change, the installation of a new separate service on the ADU will allow for the property owner/renter to monitor very accurately power usage for the ADU. It will will also allow for the accesible and safe disconnection of the ADU power in the event a repair needs to be made or other life safety issue.





APPEAL DECISION

Use of 2 non-grouped services and disconnects: Hold for additional information.

Appellant may contact Brian Crise (503-823-7293) with questions.

Additional information is submitted as a no fee reconsideration, following the same submittal process and using the same appeals form as the original appeal. Indicate at the beginning of the appeal form that you are filing a reconsideration and include the original assigned Appeal ID number. The reconsideration will receive a new appeal number.

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