

Date: February 17, 2023

To: Developers, Homebuilders, Owners, Contractors, Subcontractors, etc.

From: Long Beach Utilities, Gas Engineering Bureau

Subject: **REQUIREMENTS FOR NATURAL GAS METER ROOMS**

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Thank you for your inquiry regarding meter rooms from Long Beach Utilities (LBU).

Meter rooms are defined as any closed space intended to contain natural gas meters. The developer/owner must notify Long Beach Utilities of their intent to create a natural gas meter room during their project's architectural design phase.

Meter rooms with an above-grade location and at least one wall with an access door to the outside are strongly preferred. Meter rooms in basements, lower, or elevated floor levels without direct outside access, are only considered when no other acceptable location is available, and if approved, will incur additional costs.

It is the responsibility of the developer/contractor/owner to comply with all meter room provisions and obtain LBU approval prior to the installation of meters. If a natural gas meter room is constructed without receiving approval, then LBU reserves the right to postpone or suspend natural gas service until all requirements have been met.

All meter rooms must comply with local codes and ordinances and LBU requirements provided in standard drawings. Developer/owner/contractor shall be available for a meeting with LBU to discuss and review meter room requirements as needed.

Please note that engineering, inspection, and other related fees along with costs for equipment and installation of facilities will be collected at most current rates based on complexity of each development and quantity of meters.

If you have any further questions, please call Long Beach Utilities at (562) 570-2032.