

# OUTDOOR RECEPTACLES

## 2016 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE SECTION 210.52(E)

(E) **Outdoor Outlets.** Outdoor receptacle outlets shall be installed in accordance with 210.52 (E) (1) through (E) (3)

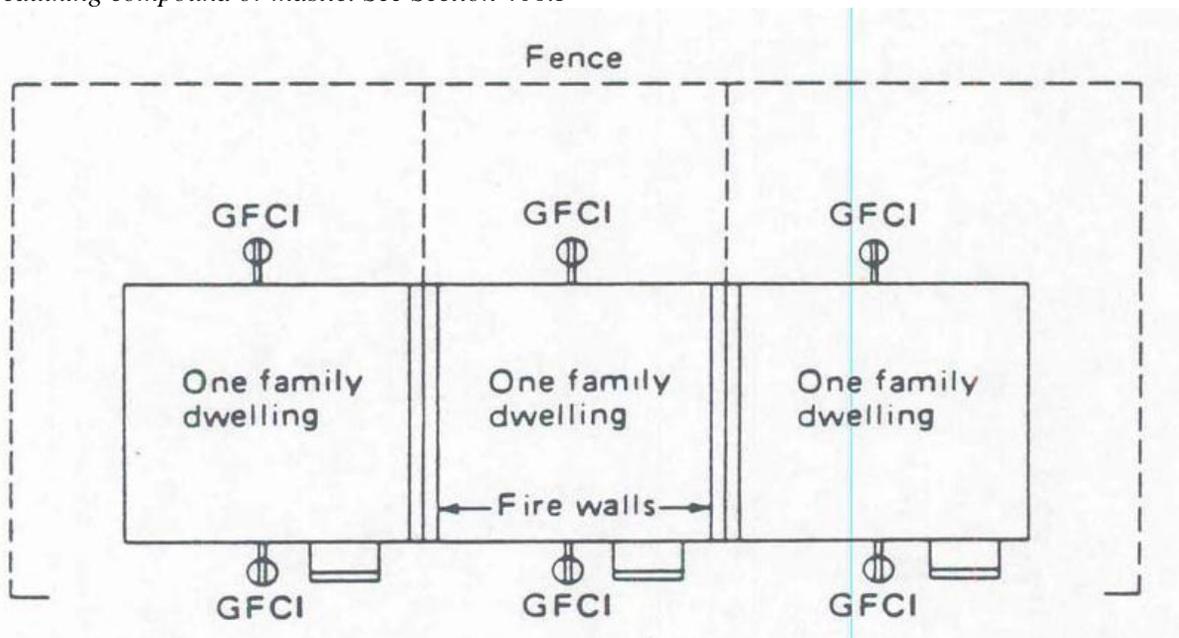
(1) **One-Family and Two-Family Dwellings.** For a one-family dwelling and each unit of a two-family dwelling that is at grade level, at least one receptacle outlet accessible while standing at grade level and located not more than 2.0 m (6 ½ ft) above grade shall be installed at the front and back of the dwelling.

(2) **Multifamily Dwelling.** For each dwelling unit of a multifamily where the dwelling unit is located at grade level and provided with individual exterior entrance/egress, at least one receptacle outlet accessible from grade level and not more than 2.0 m (6 ½ ft) above grade shall be installed.

(3) **Balconies, Decks, and Porches.** Balconies, decks, and porches that are accessible from inside the dwelling unit shall have at least one receptacle outlet installed within the perimeter of the balcony, deck or porch. The receptacle shall not be located more than 2.0 m (6 ½ ft) above the balcony, deck or porch surface.

*Exception to (3): Balconies, decks and porches with a usable area of less than 1.86 square meters (20 square feet) are not required to have a receptacle installed.*

*The installation of outdoor receptacles requires that care be taken to ensure that the receptacle faceplate rests securely on the supporting surface to prevent moisture from entering the enclosure. When uneven surfaces such as brick, stone, or stucco are encountered, it may be necessary to close openings with caulking compound or mastic. See Section 406.5*



*An example of "row" housing. A receptacle is required at the front and rear of each one-family dwelling.*