

**ORDINANCE NO. 20111020-090**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTIONS 25-12-151 AND 25-12-153 RELATING TO PLUMBING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR NATURAL GAS METERS, RAIN WATER COLLECTION, DISCHARGE LOCATIONS, AND WATER CLOSETS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** City Code Section 25-12-153 (*Local Amendments to the Plumbing Code*) Section 1204.4.2 is amended to amend Subsection (8) of Section 1204.4.2 (*Pulled Natural Gas Meter Inspection Criteria*) read as follows:

- (8) All existing or replacement water heaters located in garages shall be at least 18 inches above the finished floor level unless the water heater is listed to be located at finished floor level and is protected from damage in accordance with the code. ~~[Except for enclosed water heaters located in existing closets with weather-stripped tight fitting doors, all existing or replacement gas water heaters located in garages shall be at least 18 inches above the finished floor level unless the water heater is listed to be located at finished floor level and is protected from damage in accordance with the code. Water heaters located in tight fitting closets must obtain combustion air from approved locations.]~~

**PART 2.** City Code Section 25-12-153 (*Local Amendments to the Plumbing Code*) is amended to amend Subsection (1) of Section 1627.0 (*Installation*) to read as follows:

- (1) Hose bibbs shall not be allowed on reclaimed water or other auxiliary water piping systems.

Exception: Rain Water collection systems may install hose bibbs if Permanently labeled "Non-Potable Water" in accordance with this code.

**PART 3.** City Code Section 25-12-153 (*Local Amendments to the Plumbing Code*) is amended to add a new Section 616.0 to read as follows:

**616.0 Once Through Cooling.** The use of potable water for once through cooling of commercial equipment including, but not limited to, ice machines, ice cream machines, refrigerators, coolers, freezers, air conditioning equipment and condensers for dry cleaning equipment is prohibited unless 100 percent of potable water is returned for nonpotable uses such as cooling tower make up or other approved uses for any new installation.

**PART 4.** City Code Section 25-12-153 (*Local Amendments to the Plumbing Code*) is amended to amend Section 322.1 (*Acceptable discharge location*) to read as follows:

**322.1 Acceptable discharge location.** In new Elevator shafts, Elevator sump pumps shall discharge to the sanitary sewer system, storm system outside the building, detention pond or other location approved for each project by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Hydraulic elevators shall be equipped with a hydraulic oil alarm and a secondary containment shall be installed and approved for each project by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Reference City Code Title 15, Section 15-10-23 and City Code Title 6, Section 6-5-51. ~~[Pumps shall discharge to the storm system outside the building, detention pond or other location approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.]~~

**PART 5.** Subsection (B) of City Code Section 25-12-151 (*Plumbing Code*) is amended to add Section 402.4 to the list of deleted sections.

**PART 6.** City Code Section 25-12-153 (*Local Amendments to the Plumbing Code*) is amended to add a new Section 402.4 to read as follows:

**402.4 Metered Faucets.** Self-closing or self-closing metering faucets shall be installed on lavatories intended to serve the transient public, such as those in, Group A, B, and M type occupancies as listed in the Building Code. Metered faucets shall deliver a maximum of 0.26 gallons (1.0 liter) of water per use.

**PART 7.** City Code Section 25-12-153 (*Local Amendments to the Plumbing Code*) is amended to amend Section 402.2 (*Water Closets*) to read as follows:

**402.2 Water Closets.** Effective ~~[May]~~ October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 water closets, including flush tank, flushometer tank, and flushometer valve operated, shall have an average consumption of a maximum of 1.28 gallons of water per flush.

**PART 8.** This ordinance takes effect on October 31, 2011.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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October 20\_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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Mayor

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