

RULE NO.: R161-17.07

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

POSTING DATE: April 5, 2017

The Director of the Department of Austin Water proposes to adopt the following rule after May 7, 2017.

Comments on the proposed rule are requested from the public. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Eric Langhout, P.E.; Austin Water, 3907 S. Industrial Dr., Suite 236, Austin, Texas 78744, 512-972-0073, or via email at Eric.Langhout@austintexas.gov. To be considered, comments must be submitted before May 7, 2017, the 32nd day after the date this notice is posted. A summary of the written comments received will be included in the notice of rule adoption that must be posted for the rule to become effective.

An affordability impact statement regarding the proposed rule has been obtained and is available for inspection or copying at the address noted in the preceding paragraph.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED RULE

A rule proposed in this notice may not become effective before the effective date established by a separate notice of rule adoption. A notice of rule adoption may not be posted before May 7, 2017 (the 32nd day after the date of this notice) or not after June 14, 2017 (the 70th day after the date of this notice).

If a proposed rule is not adopted on or before June 14, 2017, it is automatically withdrawn and cannot be adopted without first posting a new notice of a proposed rule.

TEXT OF PROPOSED RULE

A copy of the complete text of the proposed rule is available for public inspection and copying at the following locations. Copies may be purchased at the following locations at a cost of ten cents per page:

Austin Water, located at 3907 S. Industrial Dr., Suite 236, Austin, Texas, 78744. See Mr. Eric Langhout, P.E. and:

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE

R161-17.07: Proposed revision to the Utility Criteria Manual Section 2.6

- Section 2.6.1.C – This is to make the change from the Planning and Development Review Department (PDR) to Development Services Department (DSD).
- Section 2.6.2 – This is done to remove the City Acceptance information in the UCM to prevent any contradictions or confusion about what is required for the City Acceptance as laid out in the Standard Specifications Manual Sec 1806S-3.
- Section 2.6.3. – This is added to require the Design Engineer to provide intersection drawings with their As-Constructed drawings.


AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULE

The authority and procedure for adoption of a rule to assist in the implementation, administration, or enforcement of a provision of the City Code is provided in Chapter 1-2 of the City Code. The authority to regulate construction requirements is established in Section 552.001 and Title 15 of the City Code.

CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY


By signing this Notice of Proposed Rule R161-17.07, the City Attorney certifies the City Attorney has reviewed the rule and finds that adoption of the rule is a valid exercise of the Director's administrative authority.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED



Greg Meszaros, Director
Austin Water

Date: 3/15/17



Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

Date: 3/23/17

Austin Water 2nd Quarter 2017 Backup Material

For Proposed Changes to UCM Sect. 2.6

2.6.0 - CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND CITY ACCEPTANCE

2.6.1 - Construction Inspection Procedure for all projects except CIPs.

To have a City of Austin inspector assigned to a project, the following items must be submitted to the appropriate inspection office. The appropriate contact person will be able to answer any questions regarding the following information:

- A. Ten (10) sets of signed Plans are required. Also required are two (2) copies of signed contracts (lump sum contracts should include water and wastewater quantities on a developer's or consulting engineer's letterhead), four (4) sets of cut sheets with one (1) copy of field notes and two (2) copies of any permits listed on the front of the plans. The engineering review and inspection fees, if applicable, will be determined at that time and payment must be made prior to beginning of construction.
- B. One (1) copy of the bid tabulation (if the project is bid out) will be required with the above listed items for all service extensions submitted for construction. All of these required items must be submitted at the same time. For reviews occurring during the construction phase, seven (7) copies of the revised plans are required.
- C. To set up a Pre-Construction Conference, contact the **Planning and Development Review Development Services** Department (**PDR DSD**) (Inspection Office) at the phone number indicated on the plans.
- D. Five copies of the signed plans and a contract must be submitted to the appropriate office at least three (3) working days before the Pre-Construction Conference. Please include the name and phone number of the contact person listed above.
- E. The contractor shall call the One Call Center for information on existing buried utilities.

2.6.2 - City Acceptance

To obtain final City acceptance of a project, **refer to the Standards Specifications Manual, Section 1806S-3 Acceptance by the City of Austin.** ~~final quantities, as constructed drawings, construction summary form, required maintenance bonds, and cost information, along with the consulting engineer's concurrence for acceptance form, must be submitted. By ordinance all subdivisions and site plans receiving approval by the Planning Commission after January 20, 1991 are charged an engineering review and construction inspection fee. Any outstanding fees, based on final cost figures, must be paid prior to final acceptance.~~

~~If landscaping and vegetation items are outstanding, a conditional acceptance letter may be issued. This allows for the release of letter of credit requirement for the majority of the water and wastewater related work that has been satisfactorily completed. When all work is completed and all necessary information is provided, a final acceptance letter will be issued.~~

~~If the project includes a lift station, the lift station will be considered separately for operation and maintenance acceptance. (Refer to Section 2.7.3)~~

2.6.3 - As-constructed Drawings

The project design engineer shall submit as-constructed drawings **and intersection field sketches,** to **the AWU** showing all accepted corrections and modifications to the originally approved drawings.

As-constructed drawings for water, reclaimed water, and wastewater construction shall consist of a complete set of drawings. ***As-Constructed drawings shall comply with Section 2.5.1. Intersection field sketches must be provided on separate 8-1/2" X 11" page(s) at a scale of approximately 1"=20', 1"=30', or 1"=40' for each intersection and may be legibly hand drawn or electronically prepared drawings.*** ~~Once AWU approves the drawings, they must be submitted to DAC for final acceptance.~~