

RULE NO.: R161-18.13**NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION****ADOPTION DATE: September 14, 2018**

By: Greg Meszaros, Director
Austin Water

The Director of the Department of Austin Water has adopted the following rule. Notice of the proposed rule was posted on July 10, 2018. Public comment on the proposed rule was solicited in the July 10, 2018 notice. This notice is issued under Chapter 1-2 of the City Code. The adoption of a rule may be appealed to the City Manager in accordance with Section 1-2-10 of the City Code as explained below.

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

Austin Water, located at 3907 S. Industrial Dr., Ste. 236, Austin, Texas. See Mr. Eric Langhout, P.E.; and

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

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE

A rule adopted by this notice is effective on September 14, 2018.

TEXT OF ADOPTED RULE

The adopted rule contains no changes from the proposed rule.

R161-18.13: Notice of Adoption to the Utility Criteria Manual Section 2.9.3.

UCM 2.9.3

- Section 2.9.3.A.2.b – The reason for the change is to simplify regulatory language.
- Section 2.9.3.B.3 – The first part explains the word “such” is not needed and Austin should be before ULCC. The second part explains we changed “approved by” to “coordinated with” because we do not want AULCC to dictate the main locations. We would rather they coordinate with AW on the main locations. The third part we removed “utilities and/or conduits” and added “non-AW mains”. This was changed because the separation is for mains and not conduits. The fourth part explains this has been added to allow separation between services.
- Section 2.9.3.B.4 – This is being changed to match the Water Systems language.

- Section 2.9.3.B.5 – The reason for the change is to update references to Austin Water.
- Section 2.9.3.B.6 – The reason for the change is to update references to Austin Water.
- Section 2.9.3.B.8 – The reason for the change is because there are fewer connections per mile, there is less opportunity to remove air at a customer's connection. Therefore we are requiring air-release valves on main sizes down to 12" diameter.
- Section 2.9.3.B.12 – The reason for the change is to clarify when joint restraint is required.
- Section 2.9.3.B.15 – These additions are being made to provide protection of utilities when installed adjacent to new trees placed within the right-of-way.
- Section 2.9.3.C.2 – The reason for the change is provide Design Engineers greater flexibility in locating valves on transmission mains.
- Section 2.9.3.D.7 – This is being added to match the wording we have in both the potable water and wastewater sections.
- Section 2.9.3.E.1 – The reason for the change is to simplify regulatory language.
- Section 2.9.3.E.2 – The reason for the change is to update references to Austin Water.
- Section 2.9.3.F.1.c – The reason for the change is to update references to Austin Water.
- Section 2.9.3.F.2.b – The reason for the change is to change "utility" to "AW".
- Section 2.9.3.F.2.c – The reason for the change is to update references to Austin Water.

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SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

Austin Water did not receive comments regarding the rule adopted in this notice.

AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION OF 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 the installation of water and wastewater facilities is established in the Texas Local Government Code Section 552.001 and Title 15 of the City Code.

APPEAL OF ADOPTED RULE TO CITY MANAGER

A person may appeal the adoption of a rule to the City Manager. **AN APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK NOT LATER THAN THE 30TH DAY AFTER THE DATE THIS NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION IS POSTED. THE POSTING DATE IS NOTED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS NOTICE.** If the 30th day is a Saturday, Sunday, or official city holiday, an appeal may be filed on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or official city holiday.

An adopted rule may be appealed by filing a written statement with the City Clerk. A person who appeals a rule must (1) provide the person's name, mailing address, and telephone number; (2) identify the rule being appealed; and (3) include a statement of specific reasons why the rule should be modified or withdrawn.

Notice that an appeal was filed and will be posted by the city clerk. A copy of the appeal will be provided to the City Council. An adopted rule will not be enforced pending the City Manager's decision. The City Manager may affirm, modify, or withdraw an adopted rule. If the City Manager does not act on an appeal on or before the 60th day after the date the notice of rule adoption is posted, the rule is withdrawn. Notice of the City Manager's decision on an appeal will be posted by the city clerk and provided to the City Council.

On or before the 16th day after the city clerk posts notice of the City Manager's decision, the City Manager may reconsider the decision on an appeal. Not later than the 31st day after giving written notice of an intent to reconsider, the City manager shall make a decision.

CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

By signing this Notice of Rule Adoption R161-18.13, the City Attorney certifies that the City Attorney has reviewed the rule and finds that adoption of the rule is a valid exercise of the Director's administrative authority.

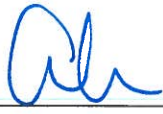
REVIEWED AND APPROVED



Greg Meszaros, Director
Austin Water

Date: _____

9/7/18



Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

Date: _____

9/11/18

UTILITIES CRITERIA MANUAL

2.9.3 - Reclaimed Water Systems

A. Size/Capacity Determination

1. General

- a. Hazen Williams Friction Coefficient $C = 100$ for ductile iron or 120 for plastic pipe.
- b. Maximum static pressure = 120 psi.

2. Peak Demand Requirements

- a. The maximum velocity shall not exceed 5 feet per second.
- b. The minimum pressure at any point in the affected ~~a~~ pressure zone ~~must~~ **shall** not be less than 35 psi.
- c. Mains shall be sized to accommodate max day flows of:
 - i. 8100 gallons per irrigated acre.
 - ii. 28 gallons per ton of cooling.
 - iii. Indoor use based on fixture units.

3. Emergency Demand (Fire Flow) Requirements

None - fire flows are provided by the water system.

4. Plans shall include a detail of a reclaimed water identification sign. Plans shall show the posting locations for the sign.

B. Mains

1. Sizing of Mains - Computer modeling is preferred for sizing reclaimed water mains. However, for mains less than 16 inches in diameter other engineering calculation methods may be accepted. Standard main sizes are: 6, 8, 12, 16, 24, 30, 36, 42, and 48 inches. A 4 inch pipe size shall be considered for mains less than 200 feet in length.
2. All reclaimed water mains shall be constructed of ductile iron pipe, Pressure Class 350 minimum for pipe 12-inch diameter and smaller and Pressure Class 250 for pipe greater than 12-in diameter. For mains 12-inch diameter and smaller, PVC pipe, conforming to the requirements of AWWA C-900, DR 14 shall be acceptable. Plans shall indicate that all mains and appurtenances shall be manufactured in purple, factory painted purple or bagged in purple. Color shall match Pantone 522.
3. Mains should be located where maintenance can be accomplished with the least interference with traffic, structures, and other utilities. When mains are located outside of the right-of-way, they shall be within a dedicated utility easement. Main assignments in ~~such~~ city streets must be ~~approved~~ **coordinated with** by the **Austin** Utility Location and Coordination Committee. Assignments for lines in county roads must also be approved by the county engineer. A minimum horizontal separation distance of five (5) feet, measured from OD of pipe to OD of pipe, shall be maintained between existing or proposed reclaimed water mains and all other **non-AW mains** ~~utilities and/or conduits~~ in order to maintain trench integrity. **A minimum horizontal separation between reclaimed water service lines and dry utility services shall be three (3) feet OD-OD.**
4. The separation **between water, reclaimed water and wastewater mains** ~~of reclaimed mains from water and wastewater mains~~ must comply with TCEQ rules.

5. Piping materials and appurtenances shall conform to City of Austin Standard Specifications, Standard Details, and the Utility's Austin Water (AW) Standard Products List (SPL).
6. Minimum depth of cover over the uppermost projection of the pipe and all appurtenances shall comply with City of Austin Standard Details; maximum depth will be as approved by the Utility AW for the specific materials, application and conditions.
7. For mains of 16 inches and larger, drain valves shall be placed at low points.
8. On ~~water~~ mains ~~16~~ 12 inches in diameter and larger, automatic air release valves will be placed at all high points, ~~and~~ Mains larger than 16 inches shall have an automatic air release valve placed at the down-slope side of all valve locations. Air/vacuum and vacuum release valves shall be approved on a case-by-case basis. All reclaimed mains twenty-four (24) inches and larger will include an 18" outlet with blind flange installation at high points where the installation of an ARV would be necessary. In the absence of an ARV requirement, an 18" outlet with blind flange shall be placed every 2500 feet.
9. Dead-end mains shall terminate with a flushing device and flushing devices shall be installed as necessary to facilitate flushing of the system.
10. Mains shall have an approved flushing device located at the high point between main intersections.
11. Joint restraint for pipes larger than 16 inch diameter shall be by use of integral, factory joint restraint systems, or by restraint gaskets.
12. Joint restraint shall be provided for all pipe bends, reducers, and tees, ~~and where necessary when joint deflection is utilized~~. When joint restraints are required in intersections, the joint restraints shall extend, at a minimum, to the point of curvature (PC) of the curb line. Notes shall be placed in both plan and profile views and shall include at a minimum the type of restraint to be utilized and the beginning and ending stations of the restraint.
13. The proximity of other utilities and structures must be taken into account when specifying the use of thrust blocking. The use of thrust blocks will be prohibited in the downtown area (Loop 1 to I35 and Lady Bird Lake to 30th Street) due to the congestion of utilities, structures and excavations in the right of way. Concrete thrust blocking may be approved on a case by case basis.
14. Connections of new reclaimed mains to existing reclaimed mains shall be made by cutting in a tee. Tapping sleeves may be allowed in lieu of cutting in a tee on a case-by-case basis. Full-body tapping sleeves shall be used. A tapping sleeve will not be allowed if the materials and conditions of the existing main preclude tapping. "Size on size" taps will not be permitted, unless made by use of an approved full bodied mechanical joint tapping sleeve. .
15. Location of mains and services in the proximity of Street Trees and Planting Zones:
"Street Tree Utility Gap/Utility Gap" refers to the area between street tree planting zones where utility services will be located.
Where Street Trees are placed within the right-of-way, root barriers shall be placed on all sides of the planting zone where AW mains and/or services are located. Root barriers shall be installed no closer than seven (7) feet from the tree trunk. Utilities shall be placed no closer than two (2) feet from the root barrier. In no circumstances shall utility infrastructure be placed within the planting zone. Where "Street Tree Utility Gaps" are located between planting zones, the gap shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet wide between root barriers. Additional width will be required to allow for multiple utilities to be placed within the "utility gap."

C. Valves

1. All valves twenty-four (24) inches and smaller, shall be resilient seated gate valves.
2. Valves shall be located at the intersection of two or more mains. For lines smaller than twenty-four (24) inches, typical spacing should be 500 feet in high-density areas and 1,200 feet in residential area. Mains twenty-four (24) inches and larger shall be valved at ~~intervals not to exceed 2,000 ft.~~ **approximate 2,000 foot intervals.**
3. At dead ends, gate valves shall be located one (1) pipe length ten (10-ft. minimum) from the end points of the main. The Engineer shall provide - and show drawings - complete restraint for all such valves, pipe extensions and end caps.
4. Branch piping (both new and future branches) shall be separated from the main with gate valves.
5. For all reclaimed mains, valves at intersections shall be placed at point of curvature (p.c.) of the curb line.
6. Valves shall be located so that isolating any main intersection requires closing of no more than three (3) valves.
7. The operating nut or extension of any valve shall be between eighteen (18) inches and twenty-four (24) inches below finished grade.
8. Valves with valve extensions and those at pressure zone boundaries shall be equipped with a locking type debris cap.
9. All horizontal gate valves larger than sixteen (16) inches shall have the valve actuator (gearing) located in a vault or manhole.
10. Butterfly valves shall not be allowed.
11. Valve boxes and lids shall be square, with "Reclaimed Water" indicated on the lid.
12. Reclaimed water mains shall be designed so that valves can be installed vertically unless conditions dictate otherwise.

D. Services

1. Reclaimed water services shall be in accordance with City of Austin Standard Details.
2. The plans shall show the locations of backflow prevention assemblies.
3. The plans shall show irrigation lines, sizes, and specify pipe color (purple). All sprinkler heads and sprinkler control box covers shall be purple.
4. The plans shall show reclaimed meter locations and specify a color (purple).
5. Services for cooling towers or interior building use shall have a separate meter.
6. Meter boxes and vaults shall be square or rectangular with "Reclaimed Water" cast into the lid.
7. Reclaimed water meters shall be placed within the public ROW or in an easement **immediately adjacent to the ROW. Meters may not be located inside fences and must be accessible by vehicle.** Reclaimed water meter boxes **and its appurtenances** are not allowed in sidewalks, **paved areas,** ~~or~~ driveways, **or load bearing pavement.**
8. Service taps to reclaimed mains shall be separated from other taps and pipe joints by a minimum distance of 3 feet.
9. Service taps, regardless of type, shall not be made in vaults.

E. Easements

1. Easements for reclaimed water mains shall be a minimum of 15 feet wide, or twice the depth of the main, measured from finished grade to pipe flowline, whichever is greater. Mains shall be centered on the easement. Narrower easements ~~will~~ **may** be considered where the Engineer provides evidence, ~~to the satisfaction of AWU,~~ that maintenance activities will not be hindered by the reduced width.
 2. Easement documents and the metes and bounds shall be reviewed and approved by AWU Pipeline Engineering prior to recordation with the County. Easement recordation at the County is required prior to AWU approval of construction plans.
- F. Requirements for Existing and Proposed Reclaimed Water Infrastructure beneath Circular Intersections or Other Geometric Street Features
1. Installation of Circular Intersections or Other Geometric Street Features over existing reclaimed water infrastructure.
 - a. Existing reclaimed water infrastructure may be allowed to exist beneath circular intersections or other geometric street features such as, but not limited to, modern roundabouts, medians, bulb-outs, splitter islands, channelization islands, and other types of physical roadway features. These features may contain hardscaping, landscaping, water quality features, public art, permanent structures, street furniture, or other similar amenities.
 - b. The planning and design of these features and their amenities shall include consideration for access, maintenance, protection, testing, cleaning, and operations of the reclaimed water infrastructure. Where existing reclaimed water facilities are to remain, proposed trees may be considered for inclusion provided the tree is a utility compatible species (as denoted in ECM Appendix F) and is not planted within 5 horizontal feet from any reclaimed water infrastructure. Public art, permanent structures, and other similar amenities may be considered for inclusion provided they are not located within a minimum horizontal separation of 5 feet from any reclaimed water infrastructure.
 - c. The need for relocating, replacing or protecting in place reclaimed existing water infrastructure beneath these features and their amenities shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by AWU.
 2. Installation of Circular Intersections or Other Geometric Street Features in new areas of development with no existing reclaimed water infrastructure.
 - a. Proposed reclaimed water infrastructure may be placed beneath proposed circular intersections or other geometric street features such as, but not limited to, modern roundabouts, medians, bulb-outs, splitter islands, channelization islands, and other types of physical roadway features. These features may contain hardscaping, landscaping, water quality features, public art, permanent structures, street furniture, or other similar amenities.
 - b. The planning and design of these features and their amenities shall include consideration for access, maintenance, protection, testing, cleaning, and operations of ~~utility~~ **AW** infrastructures. Trees may be considered for inclusion provided the tree is a utility compatible species (as denoted in ECM Appendix F) and is not planted within 5 horizontal feet from any reclaimed water infrastructure. Public art, permanent structures, and other similar amenities may be considered for inclusion provided they are not located within a minimum horizontal separation of 5 feet from any reclaimed water infrastructure.
 - c. The need for alternative alignments or the inclusion of protective systems for the proposed reclaimed water infrastructure beneath these features and their amenities shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by AWU.

Source: [Rule No. R161-14.05, 2-20-2014](#).