

RULE NO.: R161-15.07

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

POSTING DATE: July 7, 2015

The Director of the Department of Austin Water Utility proposes to adopt the following rule after August 8, 2015.

Comments on the proposed rule are requested from the public. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Britt Jones; Austin Water Utility, 625 E. 10th Street, 3rd Floor Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78701, 512-972-0235, or via email at britt.jones@austintexas.gov . To be considered, comments must be submitted before August 8, 2014, 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 August 8, 2015 (the 32nd day after the date of this notice) or not after October 5, 2015 (the 90th day after the date of this notice).

If a proposed rule is not adopted on or before October 5, 2015, it is automatically withdrawn and cannot be adopted without first posting a new notice of a proposed rule.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 Utility, located at 625 E. 10th Street, 3rd Floor Suite 300, Austin, Texas.
See Mr. Britt Jones and:

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

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE

R161-15.07: Proposed revision to the Utility Criteria Manual Section 2.4.0, Standard Products List Procedures and Section 2.8.0, Abandonment of Facilities

- Section 2.4.2.J – added. Updates for SPL are now stated to be on a Quarterly basis.
- Section 2.8.1.B – added. Describes the procedure to abandon wastewater services and/or appurtenances not to be used in the future.
- Section 2.8.1.C – added. Describes the procedure to abandon wastewater force main valves.
- Section 2.8.4.A – added. Describes the procedure to abandon water mains and valves.

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 R161-15.07, 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.

REVIEW AND APPROVED

Greg Meszaros, Director
Austin Water Utility

Date: _____

Karen M. Kennard
City Attorney

Date: _____