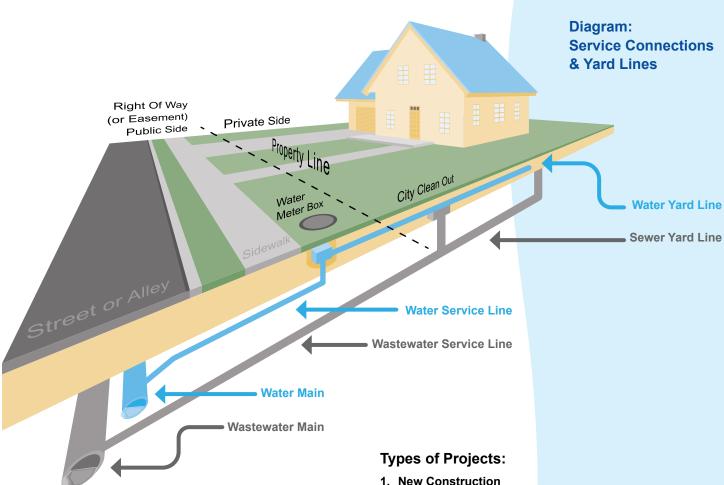


# PROCESS OF OBTAINING WATER METERS FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES



## **Working with Austin Water**

Obtaining a water meter for single family residential projects has many facets, but the City of Austin has numerous resources to guide the building community. This document lays out the flow of work to help guide you through the process. Web links to more detailed information, forms and checklists, as well as contact numbers and emails are included. Your Development Services inspectors and the Austin Water permitting and plan review staff are ready to assist.

# New Construction typically developing a new subdivision or property that does not have existing utility service connections

2. Demolition with Rebuild and/or Renovation properties with existing utility service connections may require an upgraded meter size and/or new service lines.

#### **Key Components to the Process:**

- PHASES
   (1) Plan Review, (2) Permitting, (3) Inspections
- DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED
   Planning & Zoning, Development Services, and Austin Water
- REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
   applications, plans, supplemental items
- REFERENCE RESOURCES
   department overview, intake hours, time-lines, and contacts

#### **Demo with New Construction** Rebuild Site and Subdivision **PLAN REVIEW** Renovation Review **Historic Preservation Development Services:** Land Use Review Division **Review** (buildings 40+ years) ■ Intake Procedures & Planning & Zoning: Submittal Requirements **Historic Preservation Office** Rebuild/Renovation **Tap Plan Review Austin Water:** W/WW Service Plan **Austin Water:** Verification form **Utility Development Services** Residential Plan Review Demolition ■ Utility Tap Plan **Development Services:** (abandon services/ ■ Upgrade Package Checklist **Building Plan Review Division** return water meter) ■ Intake Checklist **Tap Permit Application** Austin Water: Meter Taps Office **Upgrade** ■ Tap Permit Application Submit the county plat, **Building Permits** tap plan or site plan, and New WWWSPV form with the tap **Development Services:** Construction **PERMITTING** permit application. Service Center Tap permits must be paid in ■ MuniCode full before a Building Permit ■ ROW Permit will be activated. ■ Plumbing Permit Building Inspections **Development Services: <u>Building Inspections Division</u>** (related to Water Meter installation) 1. ROW Inspection 2. Plumbing Inspection **INSPECTIONS** 3. Meter Release Form/Acceptance Letter 4. Request Meter Installation 5. Meter Pass/COA Release Building Permits 610-611

6. Final Building Inspection

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# AUSTIN WATER

Waller Creek Center 625 Waller Creek St., Suite 200

## **Taps Permitting Office**

Phone: 512-972-0000

Form: www.austintexas.gov/email/awtaps or AWTaps@austintexas.gov

- Tap Permit Application (must be accompanied by the county plat document)
- Water & Wastewater Service Plan Verification (must pay for tap permit before Building Permits will be released)
  - Austin Water reviews the Utility Tap Plan concurrently while Development Services reviews the residential building permit application.

    Contractor will submit for a Water & Wastewater Service Plan Verification (WWWSPV) approval through the Taps Permitting Office. The WWWSPV form will identify existing services and indicate the necessity of a Utility Tap Plan. If so, your project will have a Utility Tap Plan inspection requirement (similar to tree, fire, flood plain, etc.) The building permit application will not be approved until the Utility Tap Plan is approved.

## **Utility Development Services**

Intake: Austin Build + Connect (AB+C) Portal

Phone: 512-972-0154

Utility Tap Plan vs. Upgrade Package Checklist

Programs include:

- <u>Service Extension Request Program</u>

   (i.e. extension of City water and wastewater infrastructure to provide utility service to a property, onsite wastewater/septic systems serving single lots)
- Private Lateral Program

   (i.e. investigation of defective private wastewater lines connecting a building to the City's wastewater system)

## PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

## **Historic Preservation Office**

Email: austintexas.gov/email/dsdhelp

- Reviews buildings 40+ years in age to determine historic preservation, zoning, and designation requirements
- Demolition and Renovation Review
- Demolition Permit



### **Land Use Review Division**

Reviews site plan and subdivision applications.

## <u>Service Center (formerly Permit Center)</u>

- A building permit is required to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, improve, remove, convert, move or demolish any building or structure within the City's zoning jurisdiction or in certain Municipal Utility Districts. Applications must be submitted for each required permit. Required permits entail: Demolition, building, homeowner's, electrical, mechanical HVAC, plumbing, concrete (sidewalks/driveway in ROW), development, relocation, accessory dwelling units. <a href="Click">Click</a> for a list of work exempt from building permits.
- All building plans must be reviewed and approved by Residential or Commercial Building Plan Review before a building permit is issued.
- Please call with questions to learn whether your project requires a permit.
- Permits remain active for 180 days, but will expire on the 181st day if the project has not received an inspection, or after the date of the last inspection that shows progress towards completion of the project. An expired permit must be resolved before a new building permit can be issued. Please call to check whether an expired permit exists on your property. You can resolve expired permits by visting "Modify a Permit" web page expired permit process.

### **Building Plan Review Division**

**Email**: residentialreview@austintexas.gov

- Residential Plan Application, Review, and Pay Fees <u>Understanding the Development Process</u>, <u>Austin City Code & Land Development Code</u>, Technical Review Handout, <u>Technical Review Checklist</u>, <u>Residential Building Review</u> (forms, applications, checklists).
- Plan Review make take up to 15 business days for new construction/additions (<u>Plan Review Timeframes</u>). DSD will review items such as interior remodel, new construction/additions, demolition, relocation, impervious cover, fence, manufactured home, pool/uncovered deck, volume builder and structural verification.
- Depending on the type of construction and location, residential plans may also be reviewed for compliance with the following applicable regulations: (1) Residential Design and Compatibility Standards, (2) Zoning & Overlay, (3) Tree Ordinance, (4) Neighborhood Plan, (5) Conservation Combining District, (6) Floodplain Proximity, (7) Historic, (8) Hazardous Pipeline.

## **Building Inspections Division**

- Residential Inspection Flow Chart
- Inspectors Territories Map
- Residential Building Inspector Phone List
- Anyone associated with a permit can schedule an inspection: the general contractor, the homeowner (if listed as the general contractor on the permit), the trade contractor, or official agents. To assign an agent, complete the <a href="Inspection Agent Letter of Authorization">Inspection Agent Letter of Authorization</a>
- Two scheduling options:
- 1. Online Austin Build + Connect (AB+C) Portal
- 2. Phone on the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System 512-480-0623

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Permitting and Development Center (PDC)

6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive Austin. TX 78752

Hours 7:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Development Services Department** 

