

Important Update

News from the City of Austin Development Services Department



Environmental Criteria Manual Amendments Available for Review

Input on updates to Tree and Natural Area Preservation section due by January 25th

The Development Services Department (DSD) is proposing several amendments to the Tree and Natural Area Preservation section of the [Environmental Criteria Manual](#).

The proposed amendments:

- Clarify existing rules
- Strike content that does not further Code implementation
- Update department and procedural terms

To learn more, review proposed updates, and provide input, please [visit our SpeakUp Austin page for Environmental Criteria Manual - Section 3 \(Tree and Natural Area Preservation\) - 2021 2nd Quarter Rule Changes](#).

Comments are due no later than January 25, 2021.

[Review and Comment](#)

OTHER NEWS AND REMINDERS

Austin Build + Connect (AB+C) Portal: The AB+C Portal update is currently on track to go live Feb. 1 with an improved online customer service interface. More information will be available soon.

Update Fridays: For the month of January, the Residential Plan Review Team will be unavailable on Fridays for phone and email inquiries. In an effort to reduce overall project review times, team members will be focused exclusively on reviewing project updates. Staff is still available for your questions during regular business hours Monday through Thursday.

Other Rulemaking and Stakeholder Opportunities: Stakeholders have until Jan. 17 to comment on several proposed updates to technical rules in the [Building Criteria Manual](#). To learn more, ask questions, and provide input, please [visit the SpeakUp Austin page](#) for this engagement. Several [international and uniform codes](#) also have been updated for 2021, and stakeholder engagement will begin soon for local adoption.

Thank you for your continued interest in Development Services topics. We look forward to serving you soon.

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