

# *Important Update*

News from the City of Austin Development Services Department



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## **Proposed Building & Environmental Criteria Manual Updates Available**

*Provide Input to Proposed Rules by April 25*

The City of Austin [Development Services Department \(DSD\)](#) is gathering stakeholder input for ongoing updates to technical rules in the [Building Criteria Manual](#) and the [Environmental Criteria Manual](#).

### ***Building Criteria Manual (BCM) proposals***

The proposed amendments clarify process, improve the quality and safety of services, update BCM language to align with current City Codes and practices, and reduce amendments to City Code and Technical Codes.

Proposed updates affect the following sections of the Building Criteria Manual (BCM):

- Structural Plans
- Inspections
- Commercial Electrical Inspector Supervisor

Three new BCM sections also are proposed in this rulemaking cycle:

- Construction Plan Legibility and Standards for Scale
- Air Test on Plastic Non-Pressure Plumbing Systems
- Single Stack Drain Waste and Vent System Designed with Specialized Fittings

### ***Environmental Criteria Manual (ECM) proposals***

Proposed updates to the ECM primarily address tree protection requirements and impacts. Edits during this cycle seek to clarify existing rules and remove outdated graphics.

Please visit these [SpeakUp, Austin!](#) pages by April 25, 2021, to learn more, review proposed updates, and provide input on these changes or other relevant topics:

[Building Criteria Manual - 2021 3rd Quarter Rule Changes](#)  
[Environmental Criteria Manual - 2021 3rd Quarter Rule Changes](#)

If you have questions about these engagements or need help with the [SpeakUp, Austin!](#) site, please contact [dsdengagement@austintexas.gov](mailto:dsdengagement@austintexas.gov).

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Thank you for your continued interest in Development Services topics.

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