
Proposed Technical Code Addition Combines Flood-Related Building Requirements Flood Hazard Areas and International Fire Code Amendments Now Open for Comment

The City of Austin Development Services Department (DSD) proposes the addition of *Article 3: Flood Hazard Areas* to the City of Austin's Technical Codes ([Land Development Code Chapter 25-12](#)).

The proposed ordinance creates a new Article 3 specifically regulating building in the City's flood load and hazard areas (also known as the City's "floodplain regulations"). The purpose of this specific article is to simplify the Code and avoid repetition of these regulations throughout each article of Chapter 25-12 (Technical Code). The proposed ordinance, which does not change the substance of these requirements, is [available for public comment now through May 9 here](#).

International Fire Code Amendments Also Open for Comment

Stakeholders also are invited to comment on proposed changes to the International Fire Code. Austin Fire Department is hosting an engagement through April 27. [Review the proposed changes and provide input here](#).

Upcoming Milestones for Codes and Building Criteria Manual Rules

The proposed schedule for Council consideration of the 2021 Technical Codes follows. Council is slated to finalize these dates on May 6.

June 3	International Building Code International Energy Conservation Code International Existing Building Code International Fire Code International Residential Code Uniform Mechanical Code Uniform Plumbing Code
June 10	International Property Maintenance Code

Information about all the currently proposed Technical Codes is [available here](#).

City Council Votes to Extend Fee Waivers until June 1

On April 22, the Austin City Council [voted to continue waiving permitting and development fees](#) for home repairs associated with the February winter storm. The Council action also extends the [other exceptions in place since February](#), including waiving the requirements for plumber registration and permits for some plumbing repairs. The waivers apply only to storm-related repair or reconstruction of residential and multi-family properties affected by Winter Storm Uri. The initial fee waivers and exceptions approved in February were in effect through March 31. The newly approved waivers and exceptions became effective April 1 and continue until June 1. Learn more on our [Emergency Repairs page](#).

Delays in Site Plan Corrections and Exemptions

Review times for site plan corrections and exemptions are currently estimated at 25-30 business days. DSD management is evaluating the delays to find process and technology solutions that will enable the team to achieve the 10- to 12-day target for this process. For the status of current applications, please send an email with your case or permit number to DSDHelp@austintexas.gov. Responses typically take one business day or less.

Thank you for your continued interest in Development Services topics.

City of Austin Development Services Department
