

News from the City of Austin Development Services Department



Weigh In Now on Proposed Rules for Expanded Timed Inspections

Customers and stakeholders can provide input now through July 30 on proposed rules to expand timed inspection options for the Change-Out Program. The expanded program will allow more people to benefit from time-specific inspections, an option now provided only for HVAC and water heaters. Upon adoption, residential customers will be able to request time-specific inspections for windows, siding, roofing, and more. Some commercial inspections also will be eligible. To learn more about the proposed rules and provide input visit the **project page on SpeakUp Austin**.

Training Available in August for Revised Technical Codes

Training opportunities are coming soon for customers who need to understand the impacts of recently approved updates to three of the Technical Codes that go into effect September 1.

- On August 10, George Williams of the International Code Council (ICC), will explain key changes that occurred since adoption of the 2015 version of the <u>International</u> <u>Residential Code</u> and local amendments previously in effect and the 2021 version, which goes into effect September 1. <u>Register here</u>.
- On August 11, Chris Kimball of the ICC will present significant changes in the 2021 <u>International Building Code</u> and local amendments, compared to the 2015 version previously adopted. <u>Register here</u>.
- On August 17, Scott Adams of the ICC will present significant changes that have occurred between the 2015 and 2021 <u>International Fire Code</u> and local amendments. <u>Register here</u>.

All of these virtual training events will be 8 a.m. - Noon and offer ICC Preferred Provider and American Institute of Architects (AIA) continuing education credits.

Revised Legal Forms Available for Easements and Restrictive Covenants

New legal forms are <u>now available</u> to declare Easements and Restrictive Covenants on properties undergoing development review. These forms are required when declaring easements for drainage, extraterritorial jurisdictions, mobility, parks, public utilities, water and wastewater lines, as well as any restrictive covenants.

Find the forms here.

Use PDC Appointment Scheduler for Virtual and In-Person Meetings

As a reminder, customers can now make appointments with DSD staff for most virtual and in-person services using the new **PDC Appointment Scheduler**. Many thanks to the customers who helped test this appointment system and provided feedback that helped us make it work for everyone!

Thank you for your continued interest in Development Services topics.

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