

RULE NO.:R161-14.05

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

POSTING DATE: January 14, 2014

The Director of the Department of Austin Water Utility proposes to adopt the following rule after February 15, 2014.

Comments on the proposed rule are requested from the public. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Britt Jones; Austin Water Utility, 625 E. 10th Street, 3rd Floor Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78701, 512-972-0235, or via email at britt.jones@austintexas.gov . To be considered, comments must be submitted before February 15, 2014, the 32nd day after the date this notice is posted. A summary of the written comments received will be included in the notice of rule adoption that must be posted for the rule to become effective.

An affordability impact statement regarding the proposed rule has been obtained and is available for inspection or copying at the address noted in the preceding paragraph.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED RULE

A rule proposed in this notice may not become effective before the effective date established by a separate notice of rule adoption. A notice of rule adoption may not be posted before February 15, 2014 (the 32nd day after the date of this notice) or not after April 14, 2014 (the 90th day after the date of this notice).

If a proposed rule is not adopted on or before April 14, 2014, it is automatically withdrawn and cannot be adopted without first posting a new notice of a proposed rule.

TEXT OF PROPOSED RULE

A copy of the complete text of the proposed rule is available for public inspection and copying at the following locations. Copies may be purchased at the following locations at a cost of ten cents per page:

Austin Water Utility, located at 625 E. 10th Street, 3rd Floor Suite 300, Austin, Texas.
See Mr. Britt Jones and:

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE

R161-14.05: Proposed revision to the Utility Criteria Manual Section 2.9.3, Reclaimed Water Systems.

- Section 2.9.3.B.2 – added. The acceptable pipe material was moved to the UCM from Standard Spec 510.
- Section 2.9.3.B.3 – added. Allow enough space between utilities ensures that trenches do not collapse.
- Section 2.9.3.B.4 – removed. Specific assignment location information was removed.
- Section 2.9.3.B.8 – added. Allows AWU maintenance staff to use robotics for condition assessment and perform leak detection.
- Section 2.9.3.B.11 – added. Gives Engineers directions on joint restraint types for pipes larger than 16”.
- Section 2.9.3.B.12 – added. Informs Engineers when joint restraint devices are required. Provides increased safety for work crews and less disruption to the public, by allowing future repairs to occur outside of an intersection.
- Section 2.9.3.B.13 – added. Provides information when thrust blocking is allowed.
- Section 2.9.3.B.14– added. Describes when tapping sleeves are to be used.
- Section 2.9.3.C.5 – remove and replace. Provides increased safety for maintenance crews and less disruption to the public.
- Section 2.9.3.C.7 – removed. The use of Double Disc Gate Valves is no longer allowed.
- Section 2.9.3.C.9 – remove and replace. Defines the portion of horizontal gate valves that need to be in the vault and includes vertical gate valves.
- Section 2.9.3.C.12 – added. Allow horizontal valves to be used when needed.
- Section 2.9.3.D.7 – added. Definition of acceptable locations added for clarity.
- Section 2.9.3.D.8 – added. Ensures an achievable separation distance for taps.
- Section 2.9.3.D.9 – added. Prevents service taps from occurring in vaults.
- Section 2.9.3.E.2 – added. Clarifies the review and approval process for easement documents.
- Section 2.9.3.F – added. New requirements for existing and proposed Reclaimed Water infrastructure where roundabouts and traffic circles are installed.

AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULE

The authority and procedure for adoption of a rule to assist in the implementation, administration, or enforcement of a provision of the City Code is provided in Chapter 1-2 of the City Code. The authority to regulate construction requirements is established in Section 552.001 and Title 15 of the City Code.

CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

By signing this Notice of Proposed Rule R161-14.05, the City Attorney certifies the City Attorney has reviewed the rule and finds that adoption of the rule is a valid exercise of the Director's administrative authority.

REVIEW AND APPROVED

Greg Meszaros, Director
Austin Water Utility

Date: _____

Karen M. Kennard
City Attorney

Date: _____

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