

**RULE NO.: R161-16.18**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE**

**POSTING DATE: October 5, 2016**

The Director of the Department of Austin Water proposes to adopt the following rule after November 6, 2016.

Comments on the proposed rule are requested from the public. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Alberto Ramirez; Austin Water, 625 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 7th Floor Suite 715, Austin, Texas 78701, 512-972-0211, or via email at [Alberto.Ramirez@austintexas.gov](mailto:Alberto.Ramirez@austintexas.gov). To be considered, comments must be submitted before November 6, 2016, 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 November 6, 2016 (the 32nd day after the date of this notice) or not after January 3, 2017 (the 90th day after the date of this notice).

If a proposed rule is not adopted on or before January 3, 2017, it is automatically withdrawn and cannot be adopted without first posting a new notice of a proposed rule.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, located at 625 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 7th Floor Suite 715, Austin, Texas. See Mr. Alberto Ramirez and:

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

## **BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE**

### **R161-16.18:** Proposed revision to the Utility Criteria Manual Section 2.9.2

- Section 2.9.2.A.1.a, 2.9.2.A.4.b, 2.9.2.B.2, 2.9.2.B.6, 2.9.2.H.2.b – In multiple places we changes Austin Water Utility and utility to Austin Water. This is being done to match the new name.
- Section 2.9.2.A.1.e – This change is being made for the Engineer to refer to the current plumbing code, so we don't have to change the pressure every time the plumbing code changes.
- Section 2.9.2.A.5 – TCEQ storage requirements are based on connection and not person. Our requirement would result in over three times the TCEQ storage requirements.
- Section 2.9.2.B.1 & 2.9.2.B.1.a – This change is being made to clarify how to design dead end water lines. This will give the Engineer more direction on how to install the dead end line to eliminate any hazards when future connections are made.
- Section 2.9.2.B.1.b – This change is being made to clarify the language that was originally in this section about a 72 hour turn over in dead-end lines.
- Section 2.9.2.B.2 – We added “reclaimed water” so the Engineer understands the separation between water lines and reclaimed water is dictated by TCEQ. “Water Mains” was changed to “infrastructure” to let the Engineer know the separation distance includes all AW infrastructures, not just mains.
- Section 2.9.2.B.4 – This was added to inform the Engineer of requirements if they fill or cut over an existing water mains or services. We want to ensure they are meeting the required depth of the existing water main or service per the UCM.
- Section 2.9.2.B.7 – The first part was added to inform the Engineer that they must determine the size and type of air release valve when needed. The second part added a 1” corporation with the current 18” outlet with flange. This is needed to verify the pressure relief when draining the main to remove the flange for safety purposes.
- Section 2.9.2.B.10 – This is to specify these sizes are for new waterlines and that force main sizes should be found under 2.9.4.
- Section 2.9.2.B.18 – This is being added to give the Engineers an option to replacing the water main if the Engineer provides a detail showing how to support the main when a water or wastewater service is crossing under the main.
- Section 2.9.2.C.3 – This language is redundant from 2.9.2.B.1.a, so we decided to remove it from here.
- Section 2.9.2.E.1 – This sentence was removed as it is now discussed in the detail and not needed in the UCM.

- Section 2.9.2.G.1 – This sentence was added to ensure if fill is added to an existing easement, our maintenance crews will still have enough room to access the main under the easement.

## **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 R161-16.18, 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.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED**

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Greg Meszaros, Director  
Austin Water

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anne L. Morgan  
City Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_