

# Service Extension Requests



Public Utility Committee  
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# What are Service Extension Requests?

- A request made by a developer to extend water or wastewater utility service to a tract of land
- Required when the nearest point of the tract is more than 100 feet from an accessible water or wastewater system
- Required when the existing water or wastewater system can not provide suitable and sufficient service to a tract of land
- Service Extension Requests (SERs) are used by developers to determine required infrastructure which can be used to determine the cost of that infrastructure for a proposed development



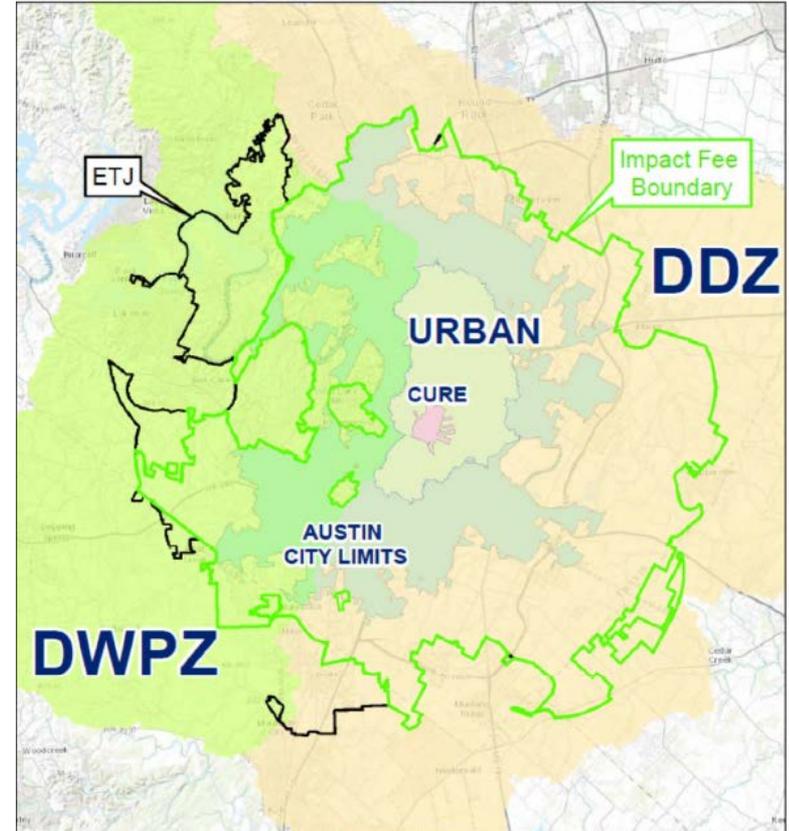
# Service Extension Requests (cont'd)

- Infrastructure is oversized when it is increased in size or capacity above the minimum size or capacity required to serve a proposed development
  - Oversizing is requested to meet long range infrastructure plans or address capacity issues
- Oversizing is subject to the City's cost participation ordinance for repayment to a developer for infrastructure that has been oversized at the request of the City
  - Cost participation does not occur the majority of the time



# Geographical Limitations

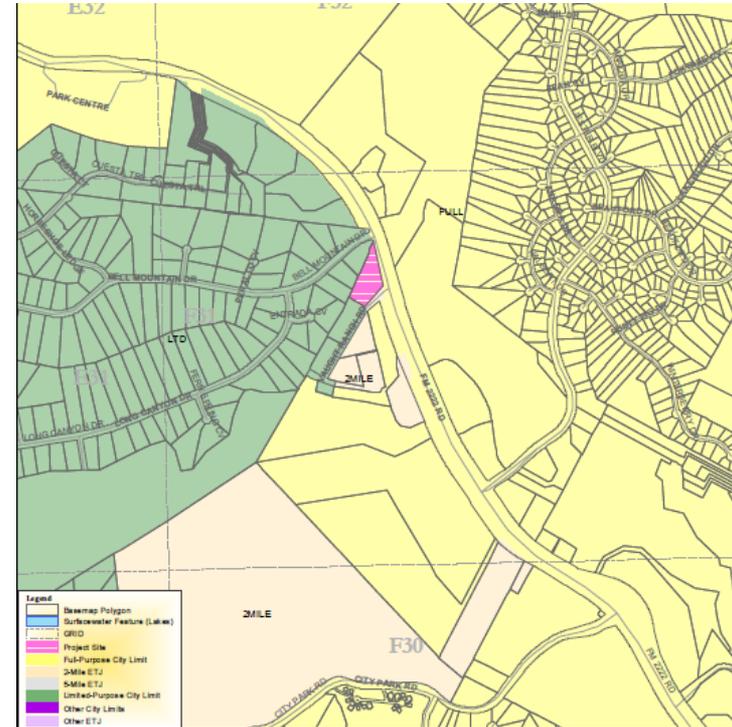
- Cost Participation:
  - No cost participation for wastewater infrastructure in Drinking Water Protection Zone (DWPZ)
  - Water infrastructure in DWPZ repaid to developer over 4 year period
  - Water and wastewater infrastructure in Desired Development Zone (DDZ) repaid to developer within 90 days
- Approvals
  - Cost participation requires Council consideration
  - SERs in DWPZ outside the corporate limits require Council consideration
  - All others are administratively approved by Austin Water Director per ordinance





# Vaught Ranch SERs

- 2008, proposed gas station and restaurant. Public opposes
- 2013, proposed office development which has approved site plan
- Recommended by Watershed Protection staff, Water and Wastewater Commission, and Environmental Board
  - Neighborhood Association does not oppose
- No City cost participation



# Questions?

