

RULE NO.: R161-18.02**NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION****ADOPTION DATE: March 2, 2018**

By: Greg Meszaros, Director
Austin Water

The Director of the Department of Austin Water has adopted the following rule. Notice of the proposed rule was posted on January 3, 2018. Public comment on the proposed rule was solicited in the January 3, 2018 notice. This notice is issued under Chapter 1-2 of the City Code. The adoption of a rule may be appealed to the City Manager in accordance with Section 1-2-10 of the City Code as explained below.

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

Austin Water, located at 3907 S. Industrial Dr., Ste. 236, Austin, Texas. See Mr. Eric Langhout, P.E.; and

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

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE

A rule adopted by this notice is effective on March 2, 2018.

TEXT OF ADOPTED RULE

The adopted rule contains no changes from the proposed rule.

R161-18.02: Proposed revision to the Utility Criteria Manual Section 2.9.4

UCM Section 2.9.4

- Section 2.9.4.A.5 – This is being added to allow flow measurements when available if the reference indicates higher peak wet weather flows than the calculated method.
- Section 2.9.4.D.7.Note 3 – This was added to clarify that the pipe penetrations shall be made in the manhole wall and not in the cast-in-place base.
- Section 2.9.4.G.5 – These changes are being made to not allow for clean-outs in all paved areas and to require locking lids if they must be placed in a paved area.

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SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

Austin Water did not receive comments regarding the rule adopted in this notice.

AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION OF 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 the installation of water and wastewater facilities is established in the Texas Local Government Code Section 552.001 and Title 15 of the City Code.

APPEAL OF ADOPTED RULE TO CITY MANAGER

A person may appeal the adoption of a rule to the City Manager. **AN APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK NOT LATER THAN THE 30TH DAY AFTER THE DATE THIS NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION IS POSTED. THE POSTING DATE IS NOTED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS NOTICE.** If the 30th day is a Saturday, Sunday, or official city holiday, an appeal may be filed on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or official city holiday.

An adopted rule may be appealed by filing a written statement with the City Clerk. A person who appeals a rule must (1) provide the person's name, mailing address, and telephone number; (2) identify the rule being appealed; and (3) include a statement of specific reasons why the rule should be modified or withdrawn.

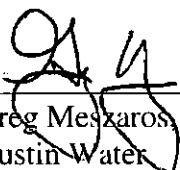
Notice that an appeal was filed and will be posted by the city clerk. A copy of the appeal will be provided to the City Council. An adopted rule will not be enforced pending the City Manager's decision. The City Manager may affirm, modify, or withdraw an adopted rule. If the City Manager does not act on an appeal on or before the 60th day after the date the notice of rule adoption is posted, the rule is withdrawn. Notice of the City Manager's decision on an appeal will be posted by the city clerk and provided to the City Council.

On or before the 16th day after the city clerk posts notice of the City Manager's decision, the City Manager may reconsider the decision on an appeal. Not later than the 31st day after giving written notice of an intent to reconsider, the City manager shall make a decision.

CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

By signing this Notice of Rule Adoption R16i-18.02, the City Attorney certifies that 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



Greg Meszaros, Director
Austin Water

Date: 2/21/18



Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

Date: 2/28/18

Austin Water 1st Quarter 2018 Backup Material

For Proposed Changes to UCM 2.9.4

UTILITIES CRITERIA MANUAL

2.9.4 - Wastewater Systems

A. Determination of Wastewater Flow

1. Residential single-family units shall be assumed to produce an average wastewater flow of 245 gallons/day.
2. Industrial wastewater flows will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
3. Inflow/Infiltration.

In sizing sewers, external contributions are accounted for by including 750 gallons per day per acre served for inflow and infiltration. For sewers in the Edwards Aquifer Zone refer to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements. Strict attention shall be given to minimizing inflow and infiltration.

4. Peak Dry Weather Flow (PDWF):

The PDWF is derived from the formula:

$$Q_{pd} = [(18 + (0.0206 \times F)^{0.5}) / (4 + (0.0206 \times F)^{0.5})] \times F$$

where: F = 70 gal./person/day × population/1440
= average dry-weather flow in gpm

5. Peak Wet Weather Flow (PWWF).

The PWWF is obtained by adding inflow and infiltration to the peak dry weather flow. In designing for an existing facility, flow measurement shall be used when available in lieu of calculations for the preexisting developed area **if the reference indicates higher peak wet weather flows than the calculated method.**

B. Determination of Pipe Size

1. Minimum Size.

The minimum diameter of all gravity sewer mains shall be eight (8) inches. For service line sizes, refer to the City of Austin Standard Details.

2. Design Requirements.

For sewer mains, fifteen (15) inches in diameter or smaller, use the larger size as determined below:

- a. The main shall be designed such that the PDWF shall not exceed 65% of the capacity of the pipe flowing full.
- b. The main shall be designed such that the PWWF shall not exceed 85% of the capacity of the pipe flowing full.
- c. For sewer mains, eighteen (18) inches in diameter or larger, the main shall be designed such that the PWWF shall not exceed 80% of the capacity of the pipe flowing full.

3. Minimum Design Velocities.

The minimum design velocity calculated using the PDWF must be at least two (2) feet per second (fps). If a minimum velocity of two (2) fps cannot be achieved due to the low projected wastewater flows, velocities lower than two (2) fps at PDWF may be allowed provided that all of the following requirements are met:

- a. The Engineer substantiates in writing and to the satisfaction of Austin Water (AW) that is not possible to meet the two (2) fps velocity at PDWF.
- b. A minimum of 0.01 ft./ft. (1.0 percent grade) is provided.

4. Maximum Design Velocities.

The maximum design velocity calculated using the PWDF should not exceed ten (10) fps. Velocities in excess of 10 fps may be considered under special conditions where no other options are available. In such cases, proper consideration shall be given to pipe material, abrasive characteristics of the wastewater flows, turbulence and displacement by erosion or shock.

5. Minimum Slope.

The minimum allowable slope for eight (8) inches mains within the service area of the City of Austin shall be 0.005 ft./ft (0.5 percent grade) unless otherwise required by 3.b of this section.

6. Allowable pipe sizes.

The following sizes will be the only sizes allowed for use in the gravity system: 6" (for services only), 8", 12", 15", 18", 21", 24", 30", 36", 42". Larger sizes may be approved on a case by case basis. These pipe sizes do not apply to force mains.

C. Design Considerations

1. Materials and Standards.

All materials and appurtenances shall conform to the City of Austin **AW** Standard Products List.

2. Protecting Public Water Supply.

No physical connection shall be made between a drinking water supply and a sewer or any appurtenance thereof. An air gap of a minimum of two inlet pipe diameters between the potable water supply and the overflow level connected to the sewer shall be provided.

3. Location.

The location of the wastewater main shall be in conformance with the City of Austin Standard Details Manual. Alternative assignments must be approved by AW Utility Development Services (UDS) - Pipeline Engineering. Outside the City Limits, the design engineer shall coordinate utility assignments with both AW and the appropriate county authority.

4. Separation Distance.

The separation between wastewater mains and other utilities shall be in accordance with the Rules adopted by the TCEQ.

5. Steep grades.

Where the pipe grade exceeds 12% and the construction is outside of any pavement, concrete retards conforming to the City standards will be required at intervals of no more than twenty-five (25) feet (preferably at joint locations).

6. Depth of Cover.

If fill or embankment placed over existing wastewater mains exceeds four (4) feet or the cut exceeds the minimum depth of cover, AW approval is required. If cuts exceed the minimum depth of cover stated below, AW approval is required. The minimum depth of cover over the upper-most projection of the main shall be as follows:

- a. Wastewater piping installed in natural ground in easements or other undeveloped areas which are not within existing or planned streets, roads or other traffic areas, shall be laid at least 42 inches below ground elevation.
- b. Wastewater piping installed in proposed streets, existing streets, roads or other traffic areas shall be laid at least 66 inches below proposed ground elevation.

7. Turbulence.

Wastewater lines shall be designed to minimize turbulence to prevent release of sulfide gases and subsequent corrosion.

8. Wastewater lines are prohibited in a critical water quality zone, except for a necessary crossing. (see the Code of the City of Austin, 25-8-261).

9. Curved wastewater mains are prohibited.

D. Manholes

1. Location.

Manholes shall be located and spaced so as to facilitate inspection and maintenance of the wastewater main. All manholes must be accessible to maintenance equipment, including 2½ ton straight trucks, dump trucks, vacuum trucks, and standard (not compact) sizes of backhoes and loaders. Construction of all-weather access roads may be necessary for manhole and/or wastewater line access. Manholes shall be placed at the following locations:

- a. Intersections of mains.
- b. Horizontal alignment changes.
- c. Vertical grade changes.
- d. Change of pipe size.
- e. Change of pipe material.
- f. The point of discharge of a force main into a gravity wastewater main.
- g. For multi-family projects exceeding fifteen (15) dwelling units and for commercial developments containing more than 4,000 square feet of air conditioned space and requiring a water meter greater than 2", a manhole is required on the main at the point of connection to the wastewater service.
- h. At the upstream end of mains.
- i. At other locations as required by Chapter 15-10 (Wastewater Regulations) of the Austin City Code.

2. Spacing.

Manhole spacing for lines smaller than 24 inches should not exceed 500 ft.; for larger mains, spacing may be increased, subject to approval by the Utility.

3. Covers.

- a. All manholes located in unpaved areas or in the TCEQ Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone (EARZ) shall have bolted, watertight covers.

- b. When existing manholes are adjusted in height to match finished surface elevations, the most current manhole ring and cover size shall be utilized. This may require ~~replacement and removal~~ **and replacement** of the existing manhole cone section to facilitate the above work.

4. Corrosion Prevention.

Manholes shall be constructed of or lined with a corrosion resistant material. Where new construction ties into an existing manhole, the existing manholes must be lined, coated, or replaced with a corrosion resistant material. The Design Engineer shall provide an AW Manhole Inspection report for Wastewater Manhole replacement or rehabilitation for both CIP and non-CIP projects.

5. All lines into manholes, including drop connections, shall match crown-to-crown where feasible. Any deviation must be approved in advance by AW UDS - Pipeline Engineering.
6. Drop manholes are not allowed where the size of the incoming main requiring the drop exceeds 15 inches diameter. External drops will be limited to a depth of 15 feet from the lid of the manhole to the base. Drop manholes in excess of 15 feet deep must be designed with an internal drop and must be a minimum size of five (5) foot diameter.
7. Minimum inside manhole diameters shall be as indicated in the following table:

Main Size	Depth		
	Less than 20'	20'—30'	Greater than 30'
Up to 15"	48"	60"	72"
18"—24"	60"	60"	72"
30" & 36"	72"	72"	72"

Note 1: In the event a structure is utilized inside a manhole, the clear space between the structure and the manhole wall shall be a minimum of 48".

Note 2: If more than two mains connect to a manhole, or if two mains connect to a manhole at an angle other than 180 degrees from each other, a larger diameter manhole may be required in order to accommodate mandrel insertion and hydraulically efficient flow.

Note 3: New pipe connections to existing manholes shall provide a minimum of 12" clearance between the existing pipe ID and the new core hole ID measured on the inside surface of the manhole, regardless of the orientation of the pipes with respect to one another. New precast manholes and **manholes with** cast-in-place bases shall have holes for pipe penetrations **in the manhole wall** separated by a minimum of seven (7) inches, **designed by the manhole manufacturer and** as measured from the inside diameter of the cored holes on the inside wall of the manhole to ensure the structural integrity of the manhole wall.

Note 4: The vertical distance between the highest point of the invert shelf and the bottom of any horizontal or near-horizontal surface protruding into a manhole or junction box, shall be at least six (6) feet, when the depth of the main is sufficient.

8. Where a separation of nine feet between a water main and a manhole cannot be achieved during construction of a new wastewater main the joints in the wastewater manhole shall be made watertight using externally applied joint wraps. Where a separation of nine (9) feet between a water main and a manhole cannot be achieved during construction of a new water main, then the manhole shall be assessed as per Section 2.9.4.D.4 to determine if the manhole is watertight and if not, shall require the manhole to be made watertight.
9. Manholes constructed on existing wastewater mains may have a cast-in-place base. All other manholes shall have a precast base.
10. Manhole and junction box inverts shall have a minimum slope of 2.5% between the inlet and outlet pipe inverts.
11. Manholes and junction boxes located below ground water
 - a. When the interior surface of a concrete manhole or junction box is coated with a urethane, polyurethane, or epoxy liner, the exterior surface of that portion of a manhole or junction box located below ground water level shall be water proofed using a flexible system applied to the exterior surface. The drawings shall indicate which structures must be water proofed and the elevation to which water proofing must be applied (2 feet above ground water level).
 - b. Manhole joints below the ground water level and/or located in the 100 year floodplain shall be sealed by installing a joint wrap material over the joint on the manhole exterior.
 - c. Construction joints in cast-in-place junction boxes shall be water proofed using water stops.

E. Ventilation

Ventilation shall be provided as required by TCEQ Rules and Regulations.

F. Inverted Siphons

The use of siphons is discouraged. When no feasible option exists, the following criteria apply. Siphons shall have a minimum of two barrels. The minimum pipe size shall be six (6) inches with a minimum flow velocity of 3.0 fps at peak dry weather flow. The minimum dry weather flow shall be used to size the smallest barrel. Three-barrel siphons shall be designed to carry the capacity of the incoming gravity wastewater mains(s) with one barrel out of service.

An additional corrosion resistant pipe shall be designed to allow for the free flow of air between the inlet and outlet siphon boxes. The diameter of this air jumper shall not be smaller than one-half the diameter of the upstream sewer. Air jumper pipe design shall provide for removal of condensate water that will collect in the pipe.

Siphons shall be designed to allow draining, cleaning, and diversion of flow from individual barrels and inspection. Siphon inlet and outlet structures shall be manufactured with polymer concrete.

G. Service Lines

1. Wastewater service lines, between the main and property line, shall have an inside diameter not less than six (6) inches. The minimum grade allowed for service lines is one (1) percent. In all new systems, grade breaks exceeding allowable joint deflection must be made with approved fittings and shall not exceed a cumulative total of 45 degrees.
2. No service connections shall be made to mains larger than 15 inches in diameter.
3. Service connections to force mains that are two (2) inches in diameter and smaller may be allowed on a case by case basis. Service connections to force mains that are larger than two (2) inches in diameter shall not be allowed.

4. Usually wastewater services are placed along the common property line between two lots where there is no conflict with other utilities' services. All other Utility service is usually located at the other lot corner. Wastewater service should be placed four (4) feet on the low (or right, if on a level ground) side of the lot, nine (9) feet from the water service (located on the other side of the lot line). Services to lots without a water/wastewater easement will terminate at the property line with a cleanout; service to lots having a five (5) foot by five (5) foot water/wastewater easement will terminate within the easement. For details, see the City of Austin Standard Details.
5. Wastewater clean-outs are not allowed in sidewalks, **paved areas, load bearing pavement,** or driveways. **If the clean-out must be located in a sidewalk or paved area (as allowed by a variance issued by AW only), then locking lids will be required for the clean-out.**
6. Sample and inspection ports are required for service lines when industrial waste monitoring is required. They shall be located at the property line within the public right-of-way (ROW) or utility easement line to indicate the line of responsibility of the utility. They shall not be located in traffic areas, paved parking areas or sidewalks.

H. Easements

1. Easements for wastewater mains shall be a minimum of 15 feet wide, or twice the depth of the main, measured from finished grade to pipe flowline, whichever is greater. Mains shall be centered on the easement. Narrower easements will be considered where the Engineer provides evidence, to the satisfaction of AW, that maintenance activities will not be hindered by the reduced width.
2. Easement documents and the metes and bounds shall be reviewed and approved by AW UDS - Pipeline Engineering prior to recordation in the real property records of the appropriate county. Easement recordation in the real property records of the appropriate county is required prior to AW approval of construction plans.

I. Requirements for Existing and Proposed Wastewater Infrastructure beneath Circular Intersections or Other Geometric Street Features

1. Installation of Circular Intersections or Other Geometric Street Features over existing wastewater infrastructure.
 - a. Existing wastewater infrastructure may be allowed to exist beneath circular intersections or other geometric street features such as, but not limited to, modern roundabouts, medians, bulb-outs, splitter islands, channelization islands, and other types of physical roadway features. These features may contain hardscaping, landscaping, water quality features, public art, permanent structures, street furniture, or other similar amenities.
 - b. The planning and design of these features and their amenities shall include consideration for access, maintenance, protection, testing, cleaning, and operations of the wastewater infrastructure. Where existing wastewater facilities are to remain, trees with root zones of 18 inches in depth or greater at maturity may be considered for inclusion provided the drip lines at maturity of the proposed trees are not located within a minimum horizontal separation of 7.5 feet from any wastewater infrastructure. Public art, permanent structures, and other similar amenities may be considered for inclusion provided they are not located within a minimum horizontal separation of 7.5 feet from any wastewater infrastructure. The drip lines at maturity of ornamental trees with root zones at maturity of less than 18 inches in depth, grasses, woody or herbaceous shrubs, and street furniture may be located within a minimum horizontal separation of 7.5 feet from any wastewater infrastructure.
 - c. The need for relocating, replacing or protecting in place existing wastewater infrastructure beneath these features and their amenities shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by AW.

2. Installation of Circular Intersections or Other Geometric Street Features in new areas of development with no existing wastewater infrastructure.
 - a. Proposed wastewater infrastructure may be placed beneath proposed circular intersections or other geometric street features such as, but not limited to, modern roundabouts, medians, bulb-outs, splitter islands, channelization islands, and other types of physical roadway features. These features may contain hardscaping, landscaping, water quality features, public art, permanent structures, street furniture, or other similar amenities.
 - b. The planning and design of these features and their amenities shall include consideration for access, maintenance, protection, testing, cleaning, and operations of utility infrastructures. Trees with root zones of 18 inches in depth or greater at maturity may be considered for inclusion provided the drip lines at maturity of the proposed trees are not located within a minimum horizontal separation of 7.5 feet from any wastewater infrastructure. Public art, permanent structures, and other similar amenities may be considered for inclusion provided they are not located within a minimum horizontal separation of 7.5 feet from any wastewater infrastructure. The drip lines at maturity of ornamental trees with root zones at maturity of less than 18 inches in depth, grasses, woody or herbaceous shrubs, and street furniture may be located within a minimum horizontal separation of 7.5 feet from any wastewater infrastructure.
 - c. The need for alternative alignments or the inclusion of protective systems for the proposed wastewater infrastructure beneath these features and their amenities shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by AW.