

RULE NO.: R161-21.20**POSTING DATE: July 22, 2021****NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE**

The Director of Watershed Protection Department proposes to adopt the following rule on or after August 23, 2021.

Comments on the proposed rule are requested from the public. Comments should be submitted to Kelly Stricker, at kelly.strickler@austintexas.gov or (512) 974-1845. To be considered, comments must be submitted before August 23, 2021, 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 by contacting Kelly Stricker at kelly.strickler@austintexas.gov or (512) 974-1845.

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 August 23, 2021 (the 32nd day after the date of this notice) or not after September 30, 2021 (the 70th day after the date of this notice).

If a proposed rule is not adopted on or before September 30, 2021, it is automatically withdrawn and cannot be adopted without first posting a new notice of a proposed rule.

TEXT OF PROPOSED RULE

The text of the proposed rule, indicating changes from the current text, is attached to this notice. Additionally, a copy of the complete text of the proposed rule is available for public inspection and copying at the following location: Office of the City Clerk, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE

R161-21.20: Modifies the Drainage Criteria Manual as follows:

- Drainage Criteria Manual – Section 5.2.0.K, *Design Guidelines*
 - Removes redundant language and refers reader to requirement for use of plastic pipe in water quality SCMs found in Environmental Criteria Manual Section 1.6.5.

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AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULE

The authority and procedure for the adoption of a rule to assist in the implementation, administration, or enforcement of a provision of the City Code is established in Chapter 1-2 of the City Code. The authority to regulate design and construction of drainage facilities and improvements is established in Section 25-7-64 of the City Code.

CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

By signing this Notice of Proposed Rule (R161-21.20), 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



Jorge L. Morales, P.E., CFM, Director
Watershed Protection Department

Date: 07/20/2021

 for

Anne Morgan
City Attorney

Date: 7/21/2021

This Notice of Proposed Rule was posted on the City website by the City Clerk. Date and time stamp is on the front of the notice.

Drainage Criteria Manual Section 5.2.0 – Design Guidelines

K. Plastic pipe (schedule 40 PVC or greater strength, 6" minimum diameter) shall be used inside water quality ponds (where the size of pipe required dictates its use) and for retention/re-irrigation systems and may be used within 50 feet of a water quality pond stormwater control measure filtration beds (if the pipe is not subject to any type of vehicular loading). End treatment is required for outfall pipe in accordance with City standard specifications. Threaded cleanouts are required within 50 feet of every portion of lateral and collector drain lines and at every bend. Plastic pipe in stormwater control measures must meet the design requirements and specifications stated in ECM 1.6.5.A. Junctions between PVC plastic pipe and RCP shall occur at a manhole or cleanout, as determined by the City.