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**RULE NO.: R161-23.07**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE**

**POSTING DATE: January 12, 2023**

The Director of the Department of Austin Water proposes to adopt the following rule on or after February 13, 2023.

Comments on the proposed rule are requested from the public. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Eric Langhout, P.E.; Austin Water, 3907 S. Industrial Dr., Suite 236, Austin, Texas 78744, 512-972-0073, or via email at [Eric.Langhout@austintexas.gov](mailto:Eric.Langhout@austintexas.gov). To be considered, comments must be submitted before February 13, 2023. 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 13, 2023 (the first business day following the 32nd day after the date of this notice) or not after March 23, 2023 (the 70th day after the date of this notice).

If a proposed rule is not adopted on or before March 23, 2023, it is automatically withdrawn and cannot be adopted without first posting a new notice of a proposed rule.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.

**BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE**

R161-23.07: Proposed revision to UCM 2.9.2.B.18 & 2.9.4.B.6

**Rule – Revisions to Utility Criteria Manual**

1. SECTION 2.9.2 – Water Systems – **Section 2.9.2.B.18** – Update this section to accommodate other utility companies from replacing existing CI pipe if their trench width is less than 36" wide by supporting the pipe.
2. SECTION 2.9.4 – Wastewater Systems – **Section 2.9.4.B.6** – Remove "21" from the pipe size allowance since that size in PVC pipe is difficult to obtain.

## **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 adopt this rule is established in Section 552.001 of the Texas Local Government Code, Section 552.017 of the Texas Local Government Code, City Code 15-9-9 and Chapter 15 of the City Code.

## **CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY**

By signing this Notice of Proposed Rule R161-23.07, 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**



Robert Goode, P.E., Interim Director  
Austin Water

Date: 12/27/2022

Anne Morgan

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# **SUMMARY OF 1st QUARTER - 2023 UCM CHANGES**

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## 2.9.2 - Water Systems

### B. Mains

18. Utility crossings constructed under water mains by open cut methods are not allowed if the water main consists of asbestos cement pipe or cast iron pipe with lead caulk joints. In those instances, the main must be removed and replaced to accommodate construction of the subject utility. Replacement will be with new pipe of the type currently used in the AW system for comparable size pipe. ~~If the utility crossing under the water main is a water or wastewater service line, i~~ In lieu of replacing the main, the Engineer may provide a design detail showing how the main shall be supported during the open cut method when the trench under the water main is 3 feet or less in width.

## 2.9.4 - Wastewater Systems

### B. Determination of Pipe Size

#### 6. Allowable Pipe Sizes

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