

RULE NO.: R161-23.23

NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION

ADOPTION DATE: November 6, 2023

By: Shay Ralls Roalson, P.E., Director
Austin Water

The Director of the Department of Austin Water has adopted the following rule. Notice of the proposed rule was posted on October 5, 2023. Public comment on the proposed rule was solicited in the October 5, 2023, 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 attached to this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE

A rule adopted by this notice is effective on November 6, 2023.

TEXT OF ADOPTED RULE

The adopted rule contains no changes from the proposed rule as shown below.

R161-23.23: Proposed revision to UCM 2.9.2

Rule 1 – Revisions to Utility Criteria Manual Sections 2.9.2

1. SECTION 2.9.2 – Water Systems – **Section 2.9.2.D.10** – Remove this requirement. The PRV manufacturers do not recommended installing a PRV on a fire line that will not be exercised in a timely manner.

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 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.

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identify the rule being appealed; and (3) include a statement of specific reasons why the rule should be modified or withdrawn.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.

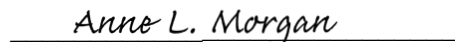
CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

By signing this Notice of Rule Adoption R161-23.23, 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


Shay Ralls Roalson, P.E. Director
Austin Water

Date: 10/25/2023


Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

Date: 10/31/2023

2.9.2 Water Systems

D. Fire Hydrants

1. Hydrants shall be installed at the intersection of two streets and between intersections where necessary, at distances not in excess of 300 feet between hydrants in commercial or other high-density areas and not more than 600 feet in residential areas.
2. Hydrants shall be installed on both sides of all divided roads or highways (as defined by 2.9.2.B.2) if required to provide adequate firefighting coverage.
3. The entire fire hydrant assembly shall have restrained joints.
4. Fire hydrants shall not be designed to be within 9 feet in any direction of any wastewater main, lateral, or service regardless of material of construction.
5. Fire hydrants shall be designed so as not to interfere with sidewalk ramps, trash receptacles, and street light and signal pole foundations.
6. To avoid sidewalks, ramps, and other features, fire hydrants placed near a street corner should in general be located outside the curve radius and a minimum of 4 feet from ramps. Exceptions may apply in existing neighborhoods or long (>5 feet) radius curb return.
7. Placement of fire hydrants should take into consideration above ground improvements, landscaping, critical root zones, grades and other utilities.
8. In existing neighborhoods, new fire hydrants should be placed as close as possible to the existing fire hydrant locations with the exception of new hydrants needed to meet minimum spacing requirements.
9. Fire hydrants should be placed on the short side of the street where possible unless there are site constraints. Fire Hydrant lead lines shall not cross a divided road or highway (as defined by 2.9.2.B.2) or exceed 55 feet in length.
- ~~10. When fire hydrants are subjected to pressures above 150 psi, they shall have an attached PRV installed and set to reduce the operating pressure of the fire hydrants below 150 psi.~~
- ~~10~~1. When new water lines are installed along with new fire hydrant leads, the drawings shall indicate existing fire hydrants are to be replaced with a new one, if the existing fire hydrant is older than 10 years old.
- ~~11~~2. Fire Hydrants shall not be designed in such a manner as to provide fire flow for developments served by other water utility service providers.
- ~~12~~3. Fire hydrants shall be located so that during their design service life they will be readily accessible for maintenance and operations personnel and equipment.