**RULE NO.: R161-24.04** 

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

**POSTING DATE: 03/28/2024** 

The Director of the Department of Watershed Protection proposes to adopt the following rule after 04/29/24.

#### 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 04/30/24 (the 33rd day after the date of this notice) or not after 06/06/24 (the 70th day after the date of this notice).

If a proposed rule is not adopted on or before 06/06/24, it is automatically withdrawn and cannot be adopted without first posting a new notice of a proposed rule.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULES

The City requests comments from the public with respect to the proposed rules included in this Notice. Comments must be received by writing to the contact person below no later than 04/29/24 (the first business day following the 31st day after the date of this notice).

#### Contact Person:

Email/Phone:

Elizabeth Funk, Watershed Protection Department

elizabeth.funk@austintexas.gov 512-568-2244

#### TEXT OF PROPOSED RULE

The text of the proposed rule, indicating changes from the current text, is attached to this notice. A copy of the complete text of the proposed 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:

Watershed Protection Department, located at 505 Barton Springs Road, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, and Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas.

### BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE

#### Drainage Criteria Manual

• 9.5.5 D "Timeline" Extend the Stormwater Management Discount period so that the discount is valid for four years instead of two years.

An affordability impact statement regarding the proposal is available by contacting Elizabeth Funk, elizabeth.funk@austintexas.gov or 512-568-2244.

## **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 (R161-24.04), 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

Al Murals	Date: 03/08/2024	
Jorge L. Morales, Director		
Watershed Protection Department		
Anne L. Morgan	Date: 3/26/24	
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City Attorney		

# SUMMARY OF 1<sup>st</sup> CYCLE - 2024 DCM CHANGES

# Rule 2 – Revisions to Drainage Criteria Manual Section 9.5.5 D "Timeline"

1. SECTION 9.5.5 – Extend the Stormwater Management Discount period so that the discount is valid for four years.

## 9.5.0 CALCULATION OF THE DRAINAGE CHARGE

#### 9.5.5.e

- e. Timeline.
  - 1. Discount is valid for two four years starting on date of approval. To renew discount, customer must complete renewal process.
  - 2. If SCM (e.g., rain barrel) is moved to a different benefitted property, customer must reapply for discount.