

**RULE NO.: R161-12. 28**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE**

**POSTING DATE: October 3, 2012**

The Director of the Austin Water Utility proposes to adopt the following rule after November 4, 2012.

Comments on the proposed rule are requested from the public. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Britt Jones; Austin Water Utility, 625 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 3rd Floor Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78701, 512-972-0235, or via email at [britt.jones@austintexas.gov](mailto:britt.jones@austintexas.gov). To be considered, comments must be submitted before November 4, 2012, 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 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 November 4, 2012 (the 32nd day after the date of this notice) or not after January 2, 2013 (the 90th day after the date of this notice).

If a proposed rule is not adopted on or before January 2, 2013, it is automatically withdrawn and cannot be adopted without first posting a new notice of a proposed rule.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED RULE**

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 following locations at a cost of ten cents per page:

Austin Water Utility, located at 625 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 3rd Floor Suite 300, Austin, Texas. See Mr. Britt Jones and:

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

**BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE**

R161-12.28: Proposed revision to the Utility Criteria Manual Section 2.5 Construction Plan Information and Submittal Requirements

- Section 2.5.1.F.3 – added. This change was recommended for clarity of plan review, construction, and record drawings that plan and profile to be on the same sheet.
- Section 2.5.1.F.8. – changed. Corrected the spelling of appurtenances.
- Section 2.5.1.F.11 – added. This change was requested due to the boom of the fiber optics and directional drilling construction methods causing our infrastructure to be repeatedly damaged.
- Section 2.5.1.F.18 – added. This change is to insure that there must be undisturbed soil between bedding envelopes of the various utilities.
- Section 2.5.1.F.19 – added. This was added to make it easier for us to be able to find information in GIS.
- Section 2.5.2.A.8 – removed due to no one really using field books anymore and we do not need to see them anymore.
- Section 2.5.2.B – added. This was added so the City can get more information on the depth of the proposed waterline. We think there would be less of a chance that a correction would be needed to resolve a conflict because all the conflicts or potential conflicts would show up in the water line profile.
- Section 2.5.3.A.13 – added. This was added so we can make sure the pipes connecting to the manhole or junction box will not be in conflict with each other.

**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 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.

**CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY**

By signing this Notice of Proposed Rule R161-12.28, 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**

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Greg Meszaros, Director  
Austin Water Utility

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Karen M. Kennard  
City Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_