

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20260521-055 TO CORRECT THAT THE REDUCED MINIMUM HORIZONTAL SEPARATION FROM OUTSIDE EDGE OF PIPE TO OUTSIDE EDGE OF PIPE APPLIES TO AUSTIN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND NON-AUSTIN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. On May 21, 2026, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20260521-055 to modify development review processes, methods to demonstrate water quality compliance, street design, and utility infrastructure design for the design and construction of certain transit system projects and related transit system infrastructure.

PART 2. This ordinance amends Part 6, Subsection (E), of Ordinance No. 20260521-055 to correct that the reduced minimum horizontal separation from the outside edge of pipe to the outside edge of pipe applies to Austin Water infrastructure and non-Austin Water infrastructure.

PART 3. Part 6, Subsection (E) of Ordinance No. 20260521-055 is amended to read as follows:

PART 6. Code Modifications. The following Code modifications apply to the development of the Austin Light Rail.

(E) Utility Services

- (1)** Notwithstanding any provision in Title 25 (*Land Development*), excluding Chapter 25-2 (*Zoning*), communication conduits may have joint trenching if:
 - (a)** the communication conduits are not above an Austin Energy main line duct bank;
 - (b)** the communication conduits are constructed with separate manholes and pull boxes from those used by Austin Energy; and
 - (c)** the proposed design has been approved by Austin Energy.
- (2)** Notwithstanding any provision in Title 25 (*Land Development*), excluding Chapter 25-2 (*Zoning*), a reduced minimum horizontal separation of three feet from outside edge of pipe to outside edge of pipe between Austin Water infrastructure and all other non-Austin Water infrastructure is allowed if:

- (a) the proposed Austin Water pipes have diameters less than 24 inches;
- (b) any controlled low strength material or Austin Water approved alternate backfill material is used for the Austin Water infrastructure and parallel non-Austin Water infrastructure;
- (c) any pipe embedment complies with Standard Specification 510 unless otherwise approved by Austin Water;
- (d) the design meets applicable Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules and guidelines or documentation that approved TCEQ exceptions apply; and
- (e) the design of the water or wastewater pipes does not include any of the design elements described in paragraph (3) below.

(3) A reduced minimum horizontal separation authorized under paragraph (2) is prohibited if the design includes one or more of the following design elements:

- (a) trenches encountering groundwater conditions;
- (b) vertical utility stacking within a common open-cut trench or excavation that creates overlapping embedment or excavation zones; or
- (c) installations adjacent to structures, building foundations, storm inlet boxes, traffic signal pedestals, light rail platforms, and retaining walls.

PART 5. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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City Clerk

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