



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: February 16, 2016

Title: Proposed revisions to Pima County Code, Chapter 13.16, approving and adopting, by reference, the "Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Engineering Design Standards 2016", the "Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Standard Specifications and Details for Construction 2016", and the "Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Public Sewer Formatting Standards 2016."

Introduction/Background:

The Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD) proposes to update two Board-adopted reference documents RWRD uses to define how sewer improvements are designed and constructed. It also proposes to add a new reference document to the Pima County Code that standardizes the format of sewer improvement plans.

Discussion:

The RWRD Standards Committee, comprised of members of the engineering development community and County staff, have reviewed and approved 86 updates and improvements to be incorporated in the 2016 documents. Some of the revisions are minor such as scrivener errors and inconsistent language, and others are more substantial, such as the dedication language for sewer easements. The sewer easement dedication language removes the word "exclusive" and replaces it with the word "specific." This was a long standing request from the Southern Arizona Homebuilders Association (SAHBA) when the 2012 Standards were approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The Public Sewer Formatting Standards 2016 are new and have been approved by the Committee.

A Public hearing was held on January 5, 2016 on all three documents and one comment was received which supported approval of these documents. The public comment period closed on January 12, 2016, and no additional comments were received. Letters of support from the Southern Arizona Homebuilders Association and the Arizona Transportation Builders are included in the Board packet. The Arizona Transportation Builders did submit a comment after the public comment period closed, and this comment will be addressed in future revisions to the Standards.

The proposed revisions to Pima County Chapter 13.16 include an implementation schedule that phase in the new standards. The full implementation schedule is sixty calendar days after adoption for initial applicant submittals of tentative subdivision plats, final subdivision plats, development plans, landscape plans, paving and grading plans, and public sanitary sewer plans. For all other applicant submittals, including re-submittals of expired plats and plans, the revised standards will be applicable nine months after adoption of a new edition.

Conclusion:

The proposed changes to Pima County Code, Chapter 13.16, will incorporate, by reference, updated County Sewer Engineering Design Standards thereby further streamlining the processes for sewer improvement plan review and for obtaining a sewer construction permit for construction.

Recommendation:

Recommend to approve the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Engineering Design Standards 2016, the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Standard Specifications and Details for Construction 2016, and the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Public Sewer Formatting Standards 2016. Further recommend that these standards be incorporated by reference into Pima County Code, Chapter 13.16 in place of the currently referenced 2012 standards.

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Fiscal Impact:

None

Board of Supervisor District:

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County Administrator Signature/Date: *C. R. Doherty* 1/26/16

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA
COUNTY, ARIZONA RELATING TO WASTEWATER
RECLAMATION; AMENDING THE PIMA COUNTY CODE,
CHAPTER 13.16**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA:

Section 1. That Pima County Code, Chapter 13.16, Section 13.16.010 is amended to read as follows:

13.16.010 - Adopted.

The document entitled "Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Engineering Design Standards ~~2012~~2016" is approved and adopted by reference as the minimum standards acceptable for the design of all sanitary sewer facilities which are to be incorporated into the county sewerage system. ~~The director is authorized to issue department directives to modify provisions of this reference document as may be necessary for the proper design or construction of the county sewerage system.~~ The document is available online at <http://www.pima.gov/www/eng/>.

Section 2. That Pima County Code, Chapter 13.16, Section 13.16.020 is amended to read as follows:

13.16.020 - Standard details adopted.

The document entitled "Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Standard Specifications and Details for Construction ~~2012~~2016" is approved and adopted by reference as the standard details acceptable for use in the design and construction of all sanitary sewer facilities which are to be incorporated into the county sewerage system. ~~The director is authorized to issue department directives to modify provisions of this reference document as may be necessary for the proper design or construction of the county sewerage system.~~ A copy of the document is available online at <http://www.pima.gov/www/eng/>.

Section 3. That Pima County Code, Chapter 13.16 is amended as follows to add a new section entitled Formatting Standards Adopted:

13.16.022 – Formatting standards adopted.

The document entitled "Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Public Sewer Formatting Standards 2016" is approved and adopted by reference as the standard acceptable for use in preparing design submittals for all sanitary sewer improvement plans which are to be incorporated into the county sewerage system. A copy of the document is available online at <http://www.pima.gov/www/eng/>.

Section 4. That Pima County Code, Chapter 13.16, Section 13.16.025 is amended to read as follows:

13.16.025 - Implementation schedule.

Following board of supervisors adoption of a new edition of ~~either the "Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Engineering Design Standards 20122016", or the "Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Standard Specifications and Details for Construction 20122016,"~~ and the "Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Public Sewer Formatting Standards 2016," the revised standards therein are applicable to ~~initial~~ all applicant submittals and re-submittals of tentative subdivision plats, final subdivision plats, development plans, landscape plans, paving and grading plans, and public sanitary sewer construction plans sixty days after adoption. ~~For all other applicant submittals, including re-submittals of expired plats and plans, the revised standards will be applicable nine months after adoption of a new edition.~~

Section 5. The various County officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this Ordinance.

Section 6. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall become effective 31 days after its adoption.

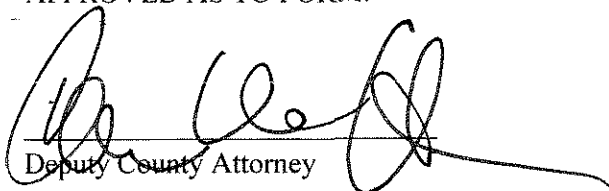
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Chairperson, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Deputy County Attorney

CHARLES WESSELHOFT