



Storm Water Drainage Fees

What are the Storm Water Drainage Fees? The Storm Water Drainage Fee is a fee charged to each property owner based on the amount of impervious surfaces on the property. Impervious surfaces are mainly constructed areas that consist of rooftops, sidewalks, parking lots, driveways, pool decks, and patios that cover the ground with impenetrable materials such as asphalt, concrete, brick and stone. These materials seal surfaces, repel water, and prevent precipitation from infiltrating soils. Therefore, the rainwater runs off of the property and into storm drainage channels, ditches or creeks.

As cities grow and develop, the amount of impervious surface increases, causing more storm water runoff and increasing the potential for flooding and water quality degradation. Therefore, cities will typically adopt storm water drainage fees to provide funding that will help combat these problems. Many of the cities in the area have had these fees in place for quite some time.

This fee will help fund activities that will assist with controlling flooding, improving drainage and meeting federal and state regulatory requirements.

When were the fees created? The City Council approved an ordinance on November 9, 2015 to create a Storm Water Utility and authorized the establishment of drainage charges. On February 8, 2016, an ordinance was adopted that established the current Storm Water Drainage Fees.

How much are the fees? The City of Red Oak adopted a \$4.85 monthly fee for all single family residential properties. The monthly fee for non-residential properties is based on the actual impervious surface area for each non-residential property and ranges from the minimum \$4.85 charge to the maximum \$150.00 charge. Residents with an over 65 exemption recorded with the Ellis Appraisal District are exempt from the fee.

As part of the process of creating the Storm Water Utility and establishing the Storm Water Drainage Fees, the ordinances creating them were published in the Waxahachie Daily Light on October 11, 2015, October 21, 2015, and November 3, 2015. A public hearing was held on November 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Red Oak City Council Chambers. The ordinances creating them were also published in the Red Oak Record newspaper on January 7, 2015, January 15, 2015, and January 21, 2015. A public hearing was held on February 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Red Oak City Council Chambers.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the City of Red Oak, Utility Billing at 972-617-3638 or ub@redoaktx.org.