



"It is the mission of the City of Princeton to provide a high quality of life through essential municipal services, infrastructure, public safety and recreation, while welcoming growth through effective and fiscally responsible government."

August 22, 2016

Information Summary

Re: City of Princeton Storm Water Utility

In 2012 the City of Princeton was designated as part of the McKinney Urbanized Area by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, (TCEQ). In December 2013 the City of Princeton was required to acquire a permit from the TCEQ for the City's storm sewer system to comply with the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System regulations. The City was required to develop a program to manage storm water that flows through the city and into Lake Lavon. The Program must include all forms of storm water management, from the time it leaves the property until its final destination. This is common for growing cities in Texas, and is in the best interest of all of our Citizens to protect our water source.

This is an unfunded mandate that the City must comply with. Up until this year the city has included the initial funding for this program in its General Fund Budget. This year the program requires additional activities that require funding beyond what the General Fund Budget can absorb. The City Council has conducted work sessions with the staff and professional consultants in order to determine the best method that will provide the funding necessary to implement the requirements. The typical mechanism for cities is a Storm Water Utility; with a user based funding program that creates a non-discriminatory, reasonable, and equitable fee that is billed and paid along with a utility bill. At the direction of the City Council, the consultants and staff prepared a study to determine the most reasonable rate. The initial monthly rate will be set at \$4.85 for the first three years. The funds collected are restricted to use within storm water activities and capital improvement projects for storm water management. Additional information is also available in the storm water power point provided by the city consultants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Derek Borg".

Derek Borg,
City Manager