

STORM WATER COSTS

Whereas, the 2015 storm water budget increased by 24% to \$24 million (including \$15 million debt service, \$3 million for operations & \$2.8 million taxes transferred to the General Fund) and changed the calculation method from "per meter" to "impervious cover area", causing drastically increased charges for many families, businesses, churches & non-profit organizations, and

Whereas, the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 552 Subchapter C requires that all drainage charges must be directly related to drainage and must be nondiscriminatory, equitable, and reasonable

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Lubbock County Republican Party urges the City Council to immediately reduce the detrimental impact to Lubbock citizens and our economy by delaying the \$39 million project and removing from the billing all taxes and expenses related to street repair and sweeping, and including debt and operations. The remaining estimated \$15 million can then be billed into an equitable tiered system that will result in lower monthly charges for the ratepayers.

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