

DRAINAGE EASEMENTS

Drainage easements are imposed on subdivision and other lots by developers, subject to the approval of the Planning Commission, to ensure the adequate natural flow of storm water runoff. Where such easements run strictly across private property, the County has no property rights therein and it is the responsibility of the private property owners to maintain those easements. The property owner is responsible for ensuring that the drainage system continues to function, and for seeing to it that the easements do not become clogged, overgrown, or otherwise obstructed. The property owners may not impede or divert the natural flow of water.

Rockdale County has the responsibility to maintain drainage ditches along the right-of-way on County roads to ensure the natural flow of water. The County is not liable for maintenance or repair of easements on private property unless damage is directly caused or aggravated by County action.

It is further the County's responsibility to ensure that adequate drainage easements are included on all new subdivision plats. Existing easements, having been approved by appropriate authority, shall be considered adequate for drainage purposes, in the absence of other mitigating factors, and must be maintained by the property owner.

The Rockdale County Board of Commissioners, on the advice of the Director of Public Services and Engineering, will make the determination as to whether there is any County responsibility for work on private easements.

Approved:

2-24-98  
Date

Attest:

Jean Hambrick  
Ex-Officio Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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Commissioner

Norman White  
Commissioner