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New Rockdale County Stormwater Rate Effective January 2021

ROCKDALE COUNTY, Ga. – Rockdale County Board of Commissioners (BOC) approved a resolution to set new stormwater rates on September 22, 2020. The rates were decided after working with an engineering consultant to develop the Stormwater Management Master Plan determining the system’s capital improvement needs and working with a national stormwater rate consultant to develop the Stormwater Rate Plan. **The new residential rate, effective January 1, 2021, is set at \$102. These fees go toward stormwater operations and infrastructure improvement, rehabilitation and restoration to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of the County’s residents and visitors.**

Stormwater fees will be added to the tax bill for the year 2021, and property owners will no longer receive a separate stormwater bill. These rates are formulated from the best practices recommended by the, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC). Commercial rates are calculated per square foot of impervious area. Impervious area is any area that does not soak up water.

With this, Rockdale County will join the likes of counties in the Atlanta metro area including DeKalb, Gwinnett, Hall and Henry Counties, to name a few, who include the stormwater fee on the property tax bill.

“Needing to maintain our stormwater infrastructure in our County is a very important service we provide to our residents and stakeholders,” Marilyn Arnold, Stormwater Customer Service Financial Manager says. “These rates will help us meet the monetary mark to complete current and future projects to make conditions safer as we improve our infrastructure.”

The Rockdale County Stormwater Utility was created in 2005 to comply with federal requirements established by the Water Quality Act of 1987. The Utility was managed by the Planning & Development Department until February 2018, when the County created a separate Department of Stormwater Management. The department has been called to the forefront to focus on much needed improvements to the infrastructure from decades past.

“Stormwater infrastructure is everywhere, and it is very important as it affects all of our roadways,” Adam Watts, Stormwater Engineer says. “With Stormwater Management being an enterprise fund and separate from other County funding, we can assure the citizens the fee collected goes only toward keeping our roads safe by making sure our infrastructure is up to par.”

For more information contact the Stormwater Management Department at 770-278-7155.

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