

# UTILITY FEE UPDATE

## FOR STORMWATER DRAINAGE SERVICES

### Notice of New Stormwater Drainage Fee: Effective October 15, 2025

In response to state and federal regulatory mandates, including requirements from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Town of Northlake established a Stormwater Utility to manage runoff and comply with environmental standards. The Stormwater Utility was created in 2024 (Ordinance 24-041 IA) and has been funded through property taxes from the Town's General Fund.

However, to ensure a dedicated and sustainable funding source and allow property taxes to be utilized for core Town services, the Town Council has approved a monthly stormwater drainage fee for residential households.

### What You Need to Know

- **Fee Amount:**
  - Residential accounts: \$5.00 per month per household\*
  - Commercial & multifamily accounts: charged based on total impervious surface area
- **Effective Date:** Charges will begin with your October 15, 2025 utility bill
- **Purpose of the Fee:**
  - End the use of property tax dollars for stormwater management
  - Dedicated funding for growing stormwater compliance and infrastructure activities
  - Support required drainage studies and street sweeping
  - Contribute to future equipment purchases
  - Improve drainage in neighborhoods

Funding generated by this fee will be reinvested directly into stormwater management compliance activities, services, and infrastructure improvements within the Town.

We appreciate your support as we work to protect our community's water quality and comply with mandated state and federal regulations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 940-648-3290 or [utilitybilling@town.northlake.tx.us](mailto:utilitybilling@town.northlake.tx.us).

\*Drainage fee will not be applied to Harvest or Argyle MUD.

