



# TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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**DATE:** June 18, 2024  
**FROM:** Thad Chambers, Town Administrator  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Receive an update on bar ditches/drainage.

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## **SUMMARY:**

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Chapman.

The recent rains have revealed several areas related to drainage that need improvement throughout the Town. While some of the drainage issues relate to the atypical volume of rain that has fallen over the past few months, there are also maintenance and failure issues that will need to be addressed.

Much of this work is the responsibility of the landowners, per Town Ordinance Article 6.06 Maintenance of Stormwater Drainage Facilities. The ordinance is attached, but in general it states that the owner or occupant of private property is responsible for the drainage of that property, including clearing sediment that may impede stormwater flow, and also not allowing erosion from their property to impact adjacent properties.

The Town is responsible for drainage cross connections beneath the public roadways. In the past year we have made significant repairs to drainage structures under Landfall Circle and Stonewood Boulevard and replaced the culvert under W. Jeter Road. We are currently working on a solution for a culvert under Gibbons Road just north of Seals Road and we continue to monitor the other culverts in our system.

It was also noted during the recent downpours that at least two of the drainage issues where water topped our public roadways were caused by improperly maintained bar ditches and culverts on properties not located within Town limits. Staff met with Denton County, and we are now sending pictures and property addresses of those issues to them for follow up.

The staff is looking for Council direction on how to proceed.

**FISCAL INFORMATION:** Unknown

**RECOMMENDED MOTION OR ACTION:** None

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Article 6.06. Maintenance of Stormwater Drainage Facilities