



DRAINAGE AND IMPACT FEE STUDY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO IS THE CONSULTANT CONDUCTING THE DRAINAGE AND IMPACT FEE STUDY?

The consultant conducting the study is NewGen Strategies and Solutions.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE DRAINAGE AND IMPACT FEE STUDY?

Pursuant to voter approval of Proposition 1 in 2010 (later validated by approval of Proposition A in 2018), the City established the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund (DDSRF) as a 'Pay-as-You-Go' fund for drainage and streets including two new revenue sources: a drainage impact fee and a drainage utility charge.

The original drainage impact fee study was completed in 2012, with the drainage impact fees adopted by Council approval of Ordinance 2013-281 on April 3, 2013. As required by Chapter 395 of the Local Government Code, the impact fee study must be updated every ten years.

Ordinance 2011-254, approved by Council April 6, 2011, established the drainage utility and set rates for the drainage charge including a provision that the rates could not be increased for 10 years.

The study will evaluate the drainage needs of the City, including necessary capital investment, to satisfy the statutory requirements that the fees and rates imposed are necessary to support new development and provide nondiscriminatory, reasonable, and equitable drainage utility services within the service area.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE CONTRACT WITH NEWGEN?

The budget is \$1.6 M, \$500,000 to be spent in the current fiscal year and \$1.1 M in the outyears.

HAS THERE BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE DRAINAGE NEEDS OF THE CITY?

Yes. Atlas 14 is a study conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to analyze rainfall data in order to revise rainfall amounts that define 100-year storm events. The results of the Atlas 14 study will be incorporated into the Drainage fee study.

WHAT WILL THE CONSULTANT EVALUATE FOR THE IMPACT FEE STUDY?

The consultant will assist the City in developing the land use assumptions and the Capital Improvements Plan in conformance with Chapter 395 of the Local Government Code.

WHEN WILL THE STUDY CONCLUDE?

We expect the study to last at least a year and a half.

IS BENCHMARKING INCLUDED IN THE STUDY?

Yes, the consultant will conduct a comparative benchmarking to major cities within Texas and other cities around the country that have similar geographical traits.