

Should cities charge storm water fees in proportion to property size?

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Should a small mom and pop business pay the same storm water runoff fee as a big box retailer?

Lubbock City Councilman Todd Klein says the current flat commercial fee should be reviewed before the city budget work sessions begin.

"There ought to be some sort of reflection in the billing to accommodate that, if it is in fact an impact fee, that's essentially what it is. It should be reflected so that the smaller your impact, the less you're having to pay. Again, we don't want to subsidize the big businesses, the big acreage, with the small businesses that are creating these jobs. We need to really focus on how do we help those local Lubbockites that are in business, stay in business and grow," Klein said.



Councilman Klein says many other Texas cities charge storm water fees in proportion to commercial property size.