

City of Bédias Culvert Ordinance

An Ordinance Regulating the Installation and Maintenance of Culverts Within the City of Bédias, Texas

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 51.001 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City Council of the City of Bédias may adopt or amend ordinances for the good government, peace, or order of the City of Bédias or for the trade and commerce of the City and that are necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the City or to an office or department of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is necessary to add an ordinance regulating and requiring anyone adding a new culvert in the City of Bédias.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BÉDIAS, TEXAS;

Section 1: The rules, regulations, terms and conditions, provisions and requirements of this ordinance are hereby found to be reasonably necessary to protect the citizens and the infrastructure of the City of Bédias.

Section 2: It is hereby ordered that any new culverts being put in within the City of Bédias must apply for a Culvert Application.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish regulations for the installation, maintenance, and replacement of culverts within the City of Bédias, Texas. These regulations are intended to promote public safety, protect city infrastructure, and ensure proper drainage throughout the city.

- Culvert: A conduit or pipe, typically made of metal, concrete, or plastic, installed under roads, driveways, or pathways to allow water to flow freely and prevent flooding.
- Right-of-Way: Land owned or controlled by the City of Bédias for public use, such as streets, sidewalks, city easements and utility easements.
- Property Owner: The individual or entity that owns the property adjacent to the location where the culvert is to be installed.

No person, contractor, or entity shall install, replace, or modify a culvert within the city right-of-way without first obtaining a permit from the City of Bédias.

- Permit applications must include proposed culvert specifications, location, and intended use.
- A permit fee, as established by the city council, shall be paid at the time of application.

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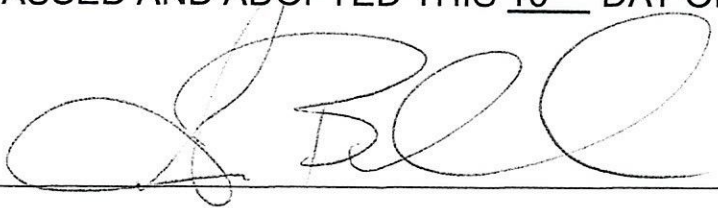
- All culverts must be constructed of approved materials, including reinforced concrete, corrugated metal, or high-density polyethylene (HDPE).
- The minimum culvert diameter shall be eighteen (18) inches unless otherwise specified by the city.
- Culverts must be installed at a grade that ensures proper drainage and prevents water pooling or erosion.
- Culvert ends must be appropriately finished to prevent collapse and erosion.
- Driveway culverts must be installed to allow for safe vehicle access and must not impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

The property owner is responsible for maintaining culverts installed for private driveways or access roads, including keeping the culvert clear of debris, repairing damage, and ensuring proper function. The city shall maintain culverts installed as part of public infrastructure projects.

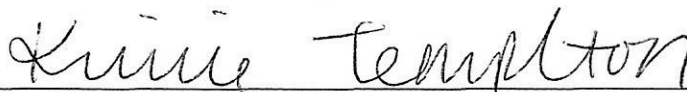
- The City of Bédias reserves the right to inspect culvert installations to ensure compliance with this ordinance.
- Noncompliance may result in written notice to the property owner and a requirement to bring the installation into compliance within thirty (30) days.
- Failure to comply may result in a revocation of permit or removal of the culvert at the property owner's expense.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council of Bédias, Texas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY 2025.



Gwen Boullion, Mayor



Attest:

Krissie Templeton, City Secretary

For: 4

Against :0

Not Present: 1