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## **PRESS RELEASE**



**City of Norman**  
**201 West Gray**  
**Norman, Oklahoma 73069**

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### **CITY OF NORMAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS A STORM WATER UTILITY**

The City of Norman is conducting a public meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2014, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at 201 West Gray Street to discuss the potential formation of a Storm Water Utility. The meeting will include a brief presentation by the Public Works Department regarding the concept of a Storm Water Utility including particular details under consideration by the City Council. The primary purpose of this meeting is to generate input and feedback from the general public concerning the proposed Storm Water Utility.

Norman is geographically located in the Canadian River and Lake Thunderbird watersheds. Because of its location, Norman, like many cities, has faced flooding and other storm water concerns throughout its history. In 2006, the City of Norman began the development of the Storm Water Master Plan (SWMP). Over the next three years, with extensive public input, the Norman Storm Water Master Plan was completed. On November 9, 2009, the Norman City Council accepted the SWMP and adopted the SWMP Action Plan. On June 28, 2011, the Norman City Council adopted the SWMP. Since, November 2009, many elements of the SWMP have been implemented. However, other critical elements of the SWMP have not been completed due to a lack of funding.

The primary funding strategy of the SWMP is contained in Chapter 8 of the Plan. A Storm Water Utility is now being proposed to provide funding for important capital improvements, water quality enhancements, compliance with state and federal storm water mandates, enhanced maintenance of existing storm water systems, improved street sweeping and other best management practices to better Norman's storm water and drainage.

For further information regarding this meeting, visit [NormanOK.gov](http://NormanOK.gov) or contact Mr. Scott Sturtz at (405) 366-5350, by email at [Scott.Sturtz@NormanOK.gov](mailto:Scott.Sturtz@NormanOK.gov) or by writing to the City of Norman, Engineering Division, P.O. Box 370, Norman, Oklahoma, 73070.

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