

**Trinity County, Texas**  
**Culvert Setting Policy**  
**(Amended November 24, 2020)**

**Whereas**, the Texas Local Government Code Section 232.002 (5) states that a Commissioners Court may “adopt reasonable specifications to provide adequate draining for each street or road in a subdivision in accordance with standard engineering practices”, and,

**Whereas**, the Texas Transportation Code Sec. 252.111 (Drainage Along Public Road) states that:

“(a) A commissioners court or road commissioner may authorize a person to make a drain along a public road to drain the person’s property.

(b) The person must make the drain under the direction of the commissioners’ court, road commissioner, or a person designated by the commissioners’ court”, and,

**Whereas**, the Commissioners Court of Trinity County, Texas finds that the use of the driveway culverts of insufficient size or quality is causing or may cause injury to the county road system due to insufficient drainage, and,

**Whereas**, the Commissioners Court of Trinity County, Texas has considered the matter and deem it appropriate to adopt a Culver Setting Policy.

**CULVERT SETTING POLICY**

1. Culvert types and sizes placed within County Right-of-Way will be according to County specifications. Culverts will be purchased by the County.
2. Backfill materials will be purchased by the County. The quantity and cost of materials will be determined by the Precinct Commissioner.
3. The property owner must pay the cost of the culvert and any backfill material costs by check or money order prior to installation.
4. The County will provide labor at no charge to install the culvert to ensure the quality of the backfill.
5. The County will only sell culverts and backfill materials within the right-of-way of county-maintained roads.

This policy shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of approval as required by law.

Original Policy Passed and Approved August 25, 2020. Amendment to Policy Passed and Approved by Trinity County Commissioners’ Court November 24, 2020.