



# Safer Water, North Texas

## 2019 Frisco City Council Candidate Q&A

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### Shona Huffman

**1) Are you satisfied with the current status of Frisco's water quality, including the annual chlorine maintenance?**

Our water quality is based upon the standards set by state and federal guidelines and we are in compliance. Governance of the water district is managed completely by the North Texas Municipal Water District. Frisco consistently individually tests the water in our system to ensure all state and federal mandates are followed. All testing results are public information and available by request. These tests are conducted in the appropriate manner with the appropriate equipment. It is important to note that chlorine tests used for pool testing will not provide accurate scientific results.

**2) If not, what are your concerns about Frisco's water?**

**3) What do you believe you could do as a Frisco City Council member to change the Frisco water quality?**

As a Frisco Council member I have attended a multitude of meetings to understand and ensure our water quality meets state and federally mandated guidelines. We established further and more frequent testing and asked for more consistent reporting to council of even routine results. I have also met with residents, attended forums, and listened to the concerns of the residents and then used scientific data to ensure we were within required guidelines.

**4) If you are an incumbent, what have you done in the past 2 years that provides voters with insight regarding your possible future actions if re-elected?**

See above

**5) Will you take responsibility to ensure that all Frisco water towers and water tanks are cleaned on the inside at least once every 3 years?**

I will continue to follow the TCEQ guidelines on tank management. The City hires a third-party tank inspection service to inspect all of our tanks on an annual basis, internally and externally. The TCEQ provides best management practices related to tank inspections. This service gives the City a very good evaluation of the tank's working condition, and any necessary maintenance activities are then completed or included in the City's budgeting cycle.

In addition to this annual inspection, the City temporarily removes one storage tank from service each year for a comprehensive life cycle inspection and report. The report covers



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every aspect of the tank's life expectancy, and is a five to ten year planning tool, rather than an inspection to identify immediate needs. Removing the tank from service includes it being emptied, cleaned and then inspected in a dry condition. When the inspection is complete the tank is disinfected and placed back in service.

Individually each water storage tank is visually inspected annually for proper operation and maintenance, which includes cleaning as needed. Then every seven to ten years, the same tank is taken out service inspected dry, resulting a complete wash out and disinfection.