

Memorandum

To: Persons Submitting a Regulatory Submittal to Chatham County (Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control and Stormwater Programs)

Date: 1/14/2015

Re: REFORM AGENCY REVIEW OF ENGINEERING WORK, SESSION LAW 2014-120, SENATE BILL 734

Chatham County has established the following procedures in our plan review program to comply with Session Law 2014-120:

- 1) A disagreement between a Chatham County Reviewer and the Submitting Party review when a plan reviewer identifies a change to the plans as being “required” under a specific, identified legal authority will trigger an appeal to the plan reviewers’ supervisor.
- 2) Innovative design review when (1) a Professional Engineer submits a sealed design or practice that is not in the local government’s guidance, manuals, or standard operating procedures, and (2) the submitting Professional Engineer requests additional internal review of that design or practice. Our program employs a Professional Engineer who can conduct further review of these innovative designs.
- 3) The plan review program distinguishes between plan changes that are required by statutory or other legal authority and those that the reviewer offers as suggestions for improvement. This includes identification of the statutory or regulatory authority for any revisions or requests for additional information that are required by the program in order to grant the requested plan permit, approval, or license.
- 4) This plan review program does not use the word “engineer” in the job titles of program employees whose responsibilities include review of plans in affected programs, *unless* those employees hold Professional Engineer licenses. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29(h) for further details about this requirement.