

Report to the Environmental Review Commission

Pursuant to S.L. 2014-120, Sec. 29 REFORM AGENCY REVIEW OF ENGINEERING WORK

January 14, 2015

Name of Local Government Unit: City of Hickory

Approved/delegated program subject to reporting requirements:

☒ Sedimentation/erosion control

☒ Stormwater

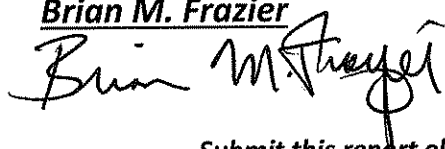
☒ Water/sewer

☐ Cross-connection

☐ 401 certifications

☐ Other Type program name

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Submit this report electronically to Mariah Matheson, Commission Assistant,
Environmental Review Commission, at Mariah.Matheson@ncleg.net.

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*****Please attach any written procedures that may have been developed to implement the provisions of this law.*****

☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program implemented procedures whereby plan reviewers distinguish between plan changes that are required by statutory or other legal authority and those that the reviewer offers as suggestions for improvement. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(b)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program identifies 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. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(b)(2) for further details about this requirement.

☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program implemented procedures for local governments to follow 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. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program established a procedure whereby the plan reviewer's supervisor OR the approving/delegating state agency can provide further review and oversight of these design details. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program either employs a Professional Engineer who can conduct further review of these innovative designs, or maintains a list of consulting Professional Engineers of the local government unit's choice that may conduct this review, if requested by and paid for by the submitting Professional Engineer. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program established an informal internal process to address disputes when a plan reviewer identifies a change to the plans as being "required" under a specific, identified legal authority. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(2) for further details about this requirement.

☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program discontinued use of the word "engineer" in the job titles of all 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.

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☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program reviewed the titles of all employees conducting plan reviews for this program. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program proposed revisions to those employees' job titles in order to eliminate use of the word "engineer" when publicly identifying those employees, if those employees do not hold Professional Engineer licenses. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h)(2) for further details about this requirement.

Additional information:

Pursuant to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29: Reform Agency Review of Engineering Work, the City of Hickory expresses its full intent to comply with this new law.

The City of Hickory has procedures already developed and implemented to address and adhere to the provisions of S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.

When plans are submitted to the either of the pertinent cooperating entities of the City of Hickory and Catawba County, plans are logged in and distributed to the following City agencies: Public Services Department (Water, Sewer, Engineering and Traffic Divisions), Fire Department and the Department of Planning and Development Services. The County Public Health Department, Building Codes and Services Department and the Utilities and Engineering Department also are sent plans and cooperate with the City of Hickory in reviewing water/sewer plans, stormwater plans and sedimentation and erosion control plans.

The City and County have fully implemented procedures where the plan reviews distinguish between plan revisions and those where the plan review officer offers improvements.

All statutory or regulatory authority for reviews or requests for information are fully identified.

The City/County have on-staff professional engineers (PEs) that conduct reviews and comments on site plans, driveway connections, stormwater, water/sewer and sedimentation/erosion control designs.

The City/County also provide PEs to review innovative designs and that team has formulated listings of local/regional PEs that may conduct said reviews.

Only licensed engineers (PEs) utilize the title of Engineer at both the City and County levels.