

Notice from Guangzhou Municipal Water Authority and Guangzhou Municipal Housing and Urban-Rural Development Bureau on Optimizing the Verification and Issuance of Temporary Drainage Permits for Simple and Low-Risk Construction Projects Led by Private Investment

To all district drainage authorities, Huangpu District Administrative Approval Bureau, Nansha District Administrative Approval Bureau, all district housing and urban-rural development authorities, Guangzhou Water Investment Group Co., Ltd., Guangzhou Urban Drainage Co., Ltd., and drainage companies in all districts:

In order to improve the business environment in Guangzhou and enhance the quality and standards of the review and approval services for construction projects carried out by small and medium-sized enterprises, the following Notice regarding optimizing the verification and issuance of temporary drainage permits for construction works is hereby issued, based on the requirements of *Notice Regarding the Issuance of the (Trial) Implementation Opinions of Further Optimizing the Review and Approval Services & Quality and Safety Supervision Model for Simple and Low-Risk Construction Projects Led by Private Investment* (Sui Jian Gai [2020] No. 3) issued by the Office of the Leading Group for the Pilot Reform of Construction Project Review and Approval System in Guangzhou.

1. Scope of Implementation

All simple and low-risk construction projects led by private investment within the areas covered by the municipal utility drainage pipeline network are exempted from applying for temporary drainage permits.

Simple and low-risk construction projects led by private investment refer to projects that are wholly-owned or majority-owned by private enterprises, foreign-invested enterprises, or Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan invested enterprises; projects with single building area less than 2,500 square meters, building height not exceeding 24 meters, and annual comprehensive energy consumption less than 1,000 tons of standard coal; newly built general warehouses or factories with single function and simple technical requirements; projects that do not produce, store or use flammable, explosive, toxic or hazardous or dangerous materials.

2. Means of Implementation

A comprehensive mechanism for sharing information among administrative authorities for housing and urban-rural development, administrative authorities for drainage and drainage enterprises shall be established. Enterprises are exempted from applying for temporary drainage permits for construction works, as project developers will be informed of opinions on the connection of temporary drainage facilities for such works through the proactive provision of services by government authorities. The specific procedures are as follows:

2.1. The project developer shall submit applications for review and approval of

building construction permits to the respective district housing and urban-rural development authority, which would share the basic information on the projects (such as project name, address, function, etc.) and the project developers (such as name of the developer, address, person in charge of the project, contact person, contact information, etc.) with the municipal or district drainage company for the project's location. In particular, Guangzhou Urban Drainage Co., Ltd. shall be responsible for follow-up work in the central urban districts (Yuexiu District, Haizhu District, Liwan District, Tianhe District, Baiyun District, the former Huangpu District, and Guangzhou Higher Education Mega Center in Panyu District). Follow-up work for non-central urban districts shall be undertaken by the drainage company responsible for the area.

2.2. After receiving the shared information, the municipal or district drainage company shall provide the relevant housing and urban-rural development authority with their opinion on the connection of temporary drainage facilities for the construction works within 1 working day. Relevant information on the project and opinions on the connection of temporary drainage facilities shall also be synchronously reported to the local district drainage authority via IT-based means. Upon receiving such reports, the district drainage authority shall provide guidance for amendments within 1 working day in the event that the administrative authority has oppositions.

The opinion feedback template is as follows: "Within the scope of the application by the [xx] project, [x] temporary rainwater discharge outlets shall be set up for discharge to the stormwater pipe network, along with [x] temporary sewage outlets that discharge to the sewerage network (including location of connecting pipes, direction of drainage, drainage volume, and other relevant items)".

2.3. The opinion from the municipal or district drainage company is not a prerequisite for the issuance of the building construction permit. If an opinion regarding the connection of temporary drainage for construction works cannot be issued during the time when the building construction permit is issued, the municipal or district drainage company shall separately submit their opinions to their district authority overseeing construction quality, and relay the opinion to the project developer and the construction contractor during subsequent on-site quality inspections.

2.4. The district oversight agencies of construction quality shall inform the project developer of opinions from the municipal or district drainage company on the connection of temporary drainage facilities for construction works when conducting quality inspections on the construction site for the first time or during on-site issuance of the building construction permit. Such agencies shall also collect the project construction plan and share such plans with district drainage authorities and the municipal or district drainage company.

The construction plan should include the following:

2.4.1. Basic information on temporary drainage facilities for construction works (such as pretreatment measures, direction of drainage, types of drainage piping, period of temporary drainage, etc.) and drainage plan for construction

works (which shall include the general layout for drainage, the floor plans and section plans of pretreatment facilities such as septic tanks, grease traps, settling tanks, and the like).

2.4.2. The general layout for drainage should indicate such information as the installation locations and flow directions of various facilities on the construction site, the diagrams for connection with public utility drainage facilities, the sizes and lengths of drainage gutters and pipelines, and specifications of manholes. The plan should also clearly demarcate the land-use boundaries of the construction project, the current boundaries of municipal roads and sidewalks, and other relevant information.

3. Information Sharing

3.1. Sharing information on building construction permit applications. The Municipal Water Authority shall compile a list of municipal and district drainage companies and report the list to the Municipal Housing and Urban-Rural Development Bureau for the centralized establishment of user accounts in the building construction permit approval system. Municipal and district drainage companies may log on to the system to retrieve information on the building construction permit applications for simple and low-risk construction projects led by private investment and provide timely feedback with regards to relevant opinions. Respective district housing and urban-rural development authorities may retrieve such opinions issued by municipal and district drainage companies through the building construction permit approval system.

3.2. Sharing information on construction plans. Administrative authorities for drainage in various districts and municipal and district drainage companies may, in accordance with the actual situation, negotiate and determine the specific methods and requirements for sharing of information in building construction plans with district-level construction quality supervision agencies, but they should not directly require project developers and construction contractors to submit building construction plans separately.

4. Interim and Ex Post Supervision

In accordance with the principle of "whoever takes charge shall conduct supervision", the administrative authorities for drainage in various districts shall perform such duties as interim and ex post supervision, inspection and acceptance, and undertake relevant legal responsibilities. Illegal activities related to discharge shall be investigated and penalized by water affairs law enforcement authorities of various districts. The municipal drainage authority shall be responsible for providing guidance for oversight and inspection.

5. Date of Implementation

This notice is implemented on a trial basis with effect from the date of issuance and shall supersede the former Notice on Optimizing the Verification and Issuance of Temporary Drainage Permits for the Construction of Simple and Low-Risk Construction Projects Led by Private Investment issued on December 9, 2019.

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