

CITY OF WHITE, GEORGIA'S

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUIRE PREQUALIFICATION OF PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS WHO MAY PERFORM PLAN REVIEWS OR INSPECTIONS PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 8-2-26(g)(15).

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 8-2-26(g)(15), the City of White, Georgia provides notice of its intent to require prequalification of private professional providers who may perform plan reviews or inspections pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 8-2-26.

Individuals desiring to be placed on the Approved Third-party Inspectors and Plans Reviewer List as an Approved Third-party Inspector must submit an initial application along with an application fee as established by City to the Department. Those individuals that are placed on the Approved Third-party Inspectors List must submit a renewal form every year no later than October 31st. Individuals that do not timely submit a renewal form shall be removed from the Approved Third-party Inspectors List.

In order to qualify as an Approved Third-party Inspector, an individual must:

- (1) Be employed by or be a partner in an engineering firm, architect firm, or Qualified Inspector firm in full compliance with City Code of Ordinances, including current occupational tax and registration required thereunder;
- (2) Be a Registered Professional Engineer, Registered Professional Architect, or Qualified Inspector as defined in this article;
- (3) Otherwise be in good standing with all pertinent certification and professional accreditation boards;
- (4) Possess and maintain minimum insurance as described herein; and
- (5) Demonstrate relevant experience of at least one (1) year.

An individual shall not be qualified to be placed on the Approved Third-party List if he or she has had his or her authority to issue third-party Inspection Certifications in any other jurisdictions revoked. If an individual previously qualified to be on the Approved Third-party List and subsequently has his or her authority to issue third-party Inspection Certifications revoked, the individual shall automatically be removed from the Approved Third-party List.

An Approved Third-party Inspector may not submit an Inspection Certification if the Approved Third-party Inspector is an officer or employee of the owner, developer, contractor or other party or if the Approved Third-party Inspector is employed by or a partner in a firm that is affiliated with or financially interested in the owner, developer, contractor or other party on whose behalf the Inspection Certification is submitted.

Technicians may perform inspections under the supervision of an Approved Third-party Inspector provided that the technician has satisfied any specific requirements as may be designated by the City building official if those same requirements are imposed on the municipal employees completing the plan review or inspection.

Technicians performing inspections under the supervision of an Approved Third-party Inspector shall be a certified International Code Council (ICC) Inspector or equivalent if those same requirements are imposed on the municipal employees completing the plan review or inspection.

Approved Third-party Inspectors shall obtain and maintain the following minimum insurance coverages and provisions, evidence of which shall be submitted to the Department with the initial application and each calendar year thereafter.

(1) All private professional providers providing inspection services pursuant to this subsection shall secure and maintain insurance coverage for professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance. The limits of such insurance shall be not less than \$1 million per claim and \$1 million in aggregate coverage for any project with a construction cost of \$5 million or less and \$2 million per claim and \$2 million in aggregate coverage for any project with a construction cost of more than \$5 million. Such insurance may be a practice policy or project-specific coverage. If the insurance is a practice policy, it shall contain prior acts coverage for the private professional provider. If the insurance is project-specific, it shall continue in effect for two years following the issuance of the certificate of final completion for the project. The permit applicant shall verify compliance with the insurance requirements of this paragraph. The cancellation provision shall provide for 30 days notice of cancellation.

(2) The required insurance coverage shall be provided by an insurance company at all material times licensed to do business by, and in good standing with, the Georgia Department of Insurance.

(3) Approved Third-party Inspectors shall maintain the minimum insurance coverage as required above at all times during which they are listed as Approved Third-party Inspectors. Approved Third-party Inspectors shall provide the Department with evidence of minimum insurance coverages and provisions on an annual basis prior to the expiration of any policy or coverage and upon request by the Department. Should any insurance coverage or information change, the Approved Third-party Inspector shall provide written notice of any such change to the City within ten (10) business days. If at any time an Approved Third-party Inspector fails to maintain the required insurance coverage, the Department may remove them from the Approved Third-party List.