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RE: Cost Estimates Prepared by Professional Engineers Not Required to be Stamped

Pursuant to Section 1.4(3) of the Douglas County Design Criteria and Improvement Standards (DCDCIS) Manual, the “County Engineer shall make the final determination as to the interpretation and application of the provisions of this manual.” Until such time as there is an update to the Manual or a further decision issued by the County Engineer, it is my interpretation that a stamp is required upon every document that is specified in the Manual, except cost estimates. This memo does not amend the provisions of the Douglas County Code and until such time as Title 20 can be updated, cost estimates prepared under Title 20, Chapter 220 (pertaining to underground utilities) of the Douglas County Code must continue to be stamped.

Cost estimates are required to be prepared by a professional engineer or a licensed contractor possessing a Class A license. However, rather than stamping a cost estimate, the submitting engineer or contractor may demonstrate the cost estimate was prepared appropriately by signing a cost estimate that is printed on the engineer’s or contractor’s letterhead.

The intent of issuing this letter is to better align the DCDCIS Manual with provisions of Nevada Law (NRS 625.565(6) and NAC 625.610(12)) that do not require a licensed engineer to stamp an estimate of the costs of a project.

Sincerely,

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County Engineer