

Notice of Guangzhou Municipal Civil Affairs Bureau on Place-Name Declarations for Simple and Low-Risk Construction Projects Led by Private Investment

To the Administrative Committee of the Nansha Free Trade Zone, Administrative Committee of the Guangzhou Aerotropolis Development District, and all district-level civil affairs bureaus:

Pursuant to the *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* issued by the Office of the Leading Group for the Pilot Reform of the Construction Project Review and Approval System in Guangzhou (Sui Jian Gai [2020] No. 3), in order to implement requirements concerning further improving the business environment in Guangzhou, relevant matters regarding place-name declarations for simple and low-risk construction projects led by private investment are clarified as follows:

1. Simple and low-risk construction projects led by private investment refer to: new ordinary warehouses and workshops that are financed wholly or primarily by private enterprises, foreign enterprises, or Hong Kong, Macao, or Taiwan enterprises, and that have, for any individual building within the boundaries of the lot, a constructed area of less than 2,500 square meters, a building height of no more than 24 meters, an annual comprehensive energy consumption below 1,000 metric tons of coal equivalent, a single function and simple technical requirements, and which do not produce, store or use inflammable, volatile, toxic, harmful or dangerous goods.

2. Based on Item (4), Article 9 of the *Regulations of Guangzhou Municipality on Place-Name Administration*, which specifies that the place-names of “new residential gated communities (including roads therein), and buildings with a site area greater than 1,000 square meters, or a total constructed area greater than 10,000 square meters, or taller than 20 floors, shall be declared by project developers to district-level place-name administrative authorities in the locality of the project before applying for building construction permits, which shall be submitted to the people’s government at the same level for approval upon review by the municipal place-name administrative authority”, simple and low-risk construction projects led by private investment, as defined above, are exempt from place-name declaration procedures.

3. Standardizing work related to the verification of place-names is an important measure for optimizing the business environment in Guangzhou. All parties concerned must attach great importance to this matter, swiftly arrange relevant personnel to study and familiarize themselves with the requirements of this Notice, improve guidelines for place-name declaration services, strengthen operational guidance for entities declaring place-names, and provide accurate guidance on issues related to the declaration of place-names for simple and low-risk construction projects led by private investment.

Problems encountered during the course of routine work should be timely reported to the Guangzhou Municipal Civil Affairs Bureau (Office of Administrative Division and Place-Names).

The points above are hereby notified.

Guangzhou Municipal Civil Affairs Bureau

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