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April 2, 2014

Kelli McGee, Director
Growth and Resource Management
Volusia County

Ms. McGee:

In response to your March 25, 2014 letter requesting additional comments on proposed fertilizer ordinance provisions, please find below comments on the cited provisions.

1. I would reiterate the comments provided in my letter dated March 5, 2014 in regards to requiring soil tests documenting phosphate deficiencies. It should be emphasized that homeowner turf products are intended for maintenance applications of available phosphate to sustain turf. Consequently, the application of homeowner products would be ineffective in correcting soil deficiencies at labeled application rates.
2. The verbiage that "All fertilizers containing nitrogen shall contain at least fifty percent (50%) Slow Release Nitrogen per a Guaranteed Analysis Label" infringes upon the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services statutory authority to regulate fertilizer granted in Ch. 570.07 (16) (o) F.S. and Ch. 576.181 (5) (a) F.S. I would recommend you seek input from your county attorney regarding this proposed language in advance of County Council's review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Weldon Collier".

Weldon Collier, Program Planning Coordinator
Division of Agricultural Environmental Services

cc: Anderson H. Rackley, Director
Steven Dwinell, Assistant Director



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