

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA
STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 220-5 STANDARDS OF PRACTICE,
BOARD RULE 220-5-.01 STANDARDS OF PRACTICE
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Rule 220-5-.01 Standards of Practice

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to Rule 220-5-.01 Standards of Practice (hereinafter “proposed rule(s)”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule(s), and a synopsis of the proposed rule(s) are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule(s), and a synopsis of the proposed rule(s) may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/page/rules-and-regulations-board-foresters>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule(s) at a public hearing to be held at **9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025** at the Professional Licensing Boards Division located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217.

Interested parties affected by the proposed rule(s) may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on **Tuesday, August 12, 2025**. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Todd J. Zandrowicz, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Comments may be submitted by email to PLB-Trades1@sos.ga.gov.

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meeting on June 16, 2025. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule(s) does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule(s) cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§

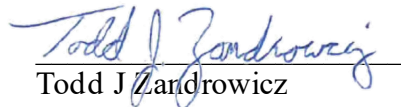
12-6-40, 12-6-57 and 43-1-19. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-40, 12-6-57 and 43-1-19 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this proposed rules(s) will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Forestry.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters has the authority to adopt the proposed rule(s) pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-40, 12-6-57 and 43-1-19.

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 19th day of July, 2025.



Todd J. Zandrowicz
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: July 19, 2025

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 220-5 STANDARDS OF PRACTICE,
BOARD RULE 220-5-.01 STANDARDS OF PRACTICE**

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed amendments to Rule 220-5-.01 is to clarify accepted standards of practice.

Rule 220-5-.01 Standards of Practice

- (1) It is the responsibility of each registered forester to practice professional forestry in a manner which protects the public welfare and safety and in a manner which meets generally accepted standards of practice.
- (2) For purposes of this rule, generally accepted standards of practice shall include, but not be limited to, adherence to the Water Quality Program of the Georgia Forestry Commission's publication, Georgia's Best Management Practices for Forestry. ~~which is available from the Board office.~~
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