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Dear Mr. Cobb:

In response to your request for an opinion from this Office, I can advise you as follows:

1. The son of one of the commissioners of the Piedmont Sewer, Light and Fire District can be employed by the District so long as the commissioner who is the father does not participate in the action to hire him or vote on his salary. In addition, he must disclose any substantial financial interest he may have as a result of his son's employment (if his son lives at home). [Section 8-13-460, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976](#), as amended, sets out the requirements for disclosure of financial interests. I am assuming, of course, that the Piedmont Sewer, Light and Fire District has not enacted any anti-nepotism regulation.

2. Again, the commissioner who is a builder may be appointed by the remaining commissioners to hire sub-contractors to build a fire sub-station so long as he does not participate in the decision to appoint him. If he has a substantial financial interest in that decision, and I understand that he does not, then he also must comply with [Section 8-13-460 of the Code](#).

With kind regards,

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