



# APPENDIX C CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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Petition for Rule Making

Item Number \_\_\_\_\_

Granted by BCC \_\_\_\_\_  
Denied by BCC \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted by BCC \_\_\_\_\_  
Disapproved by BCC \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by RRC \_\_\_\_\_  
Objection by RRC \_\_\_\_\_

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North Carolina State Building Code, Volume Administrative - Section 204.3.5

CHECK ONE:  Revise section to read as follows:  Delete section and substitute the following:  
 Add new section to read as follows:  Delete section without substitution:

~~LINE THROUGH MATERIAL TO BE DELETED~~

UNDERLINE MATERIAL TO BE ADDED

Please type. Continue proposal or reason on plain paper attached to this form. See reverse side for instructions.

**204.3.5 Design professional seal required.** Where the General Statutes, North Carolina Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers, or the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Land Surveyors require, no permit shall be issued unless the construction documents (drawings and specifications), bear the North Carolina seal of a registered design professional. Construction documents shall include the name and address of the business entity (individual, corporation or partnership) with whom the registered design professional is affiliated. Questions concerning this section should be directed to the North Carolina Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers or the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Land Surveyors.

**Exceptions:** For permitting purposes, the seal of a registered design professional is not required when the building, structure or project involved is in one of the categories listed below, unless otherwise required pursuant to the provisions of the General Statutes or the technical codes:

- ~~1. A family residence, up to eight units attached with grade level exit, which is not a part of or physically connected with any other buildings or residential units;~~
- ~~2. A building upon any farm that is for the use of any farmer, unless the building is of such nature and intended for such use as to substantially involve the health or safety of the public;~~
- ~~3. An institutional or commercial building if it does not have a total cost of construction exceeding \$90,000;~~
- ~~4. An institutional or commercial building if the total building area does not exceed 2,500 square feet (2.32 m2) in gross floor area;~~
- ~~5. Alteration, remodeling or renovation of an existing building that is exempt under this section, or alteration, remodeling or renovation of an existing building or building site that does not alter or affect the structural system of the building; change the building's access or exit pattern; or change the live or dead load on the~~

~~building's structural system. This subdivision shall not limit or change any other exemptions to this chapter or to the practice of engineering under Chapter 89C of the General Statutes.~~

~~6. The preparation and use of details and shop drawings, assembly or erection drawings, or graphic descriptions utilized to detail or illustrate a portion of the work required to construct the project in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared or to be prepared under the requirements or exemptions of this chapter.~~

~~7. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent any individual from making plans or data for buildings for himself or herself. This exemption does not apply to plans for places of religious worship.~~

(General Statute 83A-13)

Will this proposal change the cost of construction?    Decrease [  ]    Increase [  ]    No    [X]

Will this proposal increase to the cost of a dwelling by \$80 or more?    Yes [  ]    No    [X]

Will this proposal affect the Local or State funds?    Local [  ]    State [  ]    No    [X]

Will this proposal cause a substantial economic impact ( $\geq$ \$1,000,000)?    Yes [  ]    No    [X]

- Non-Substantial – Provide an economic analysis including benefit/cost estimates.
- Substantial – The economic analysis must also include 2-alternatives, time value of money and risk analysis.
- Pursuant to §143-138(a1)(2) a cost-benefit analysis is required for all proposed amendments to the NC Energy Conservation Code. The Building Code Council shall also require same for the NC Residential Code, Chapter 11.

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**REASON:**

To update the 2018 NC Administrative Code and Policies to reflect changes in NC Statutes 83A-13.

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Signature: Carl Martin

Date: 1/31/2022

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