1	NOTICE OF RULE MAKING PROCEEDINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING
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3	NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
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5	Notice of Rule-making Proceedings is hereby given by NC Building Code Council in accordance with
6	G.S. 150B-21.5(d).
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8	Citation to Existing Rule Affected by this Rule-Making: North Carolina Administrative, Building, Fire,
9	Existing Building and Energy Conservation Code amendments.
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11	Authority for Rule-making: G.S. 143-136; 143-138.
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13	Reason for Proposed Action: To incorporate changes in the NC State Building Codes as a result of
14	rulemaking petitions filed with the NC Building Code Council and to incorporate changes proposed by the
15	Council.
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17	Public Hearing: Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 9:00AM, Albemarle Building, 325 North Salisbury Street,
18	Raleigh, NC 27603, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room 245. Comments on both the proposed rules and any fiscal
19	impacts will be accepted.
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21	Comment Procedures: Written comments may be sent to Carl Martin, Secretary, NC Building Code
22	Council, NC Department of Insurance, 1202 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1202 (email
23	carl.martin@ncdoi.gov). Comments on both the proposed rule and any fiscal impact will be accepted.
24	Comment period expires on July 14, 2023.
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26	Link to Agency Notice:
27	https://www.ncosfm.gov/codes/building-code-council-bcc/bcc-hearing-notices
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29	Statement of Subject Matter:
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31	1. Request from the NC Building Code Council Mechanical Standing Committee to adopt the 2024
32	edition of the North Carolina Plumbing Code as presented by the committee as follows:
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34	The proposed amendments to the 2021 International Plumbing Code to establish the 2024 NC Plumbing
35	Code can be found at the following link on the NCDOI website. Select the link to "B-1 2024 NCPC":
36	https://www.ncosfm.gov/news/events/building-code-council-meeting-march-14-2023
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- 1 The 2021 International Plumbing Code can be found at the following link on the ICC website:
- 2 https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IPC2021P3

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- 4 Motion/Second/Approved The request was granted. The proposed effective date of this rule is January
- 5 1, 2025, unless the BCC assigns a delayed effective date.
- 6 Reason Given This amendment is proposed to protect the public by updating the code to current
- 7 standards of practice.
- 8 Fiscal Statement This rule is anticipated to provide equivalent compliance with no net decrease/increase
- 9 in cost. This rule is not expected to either have a substantial economic impact or increase local and state
- 10 funds. A fiscal note has not been prepared.

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- 12 2. Request from the NC Building Code Council Residential Standing Committee to adopt the 2024
- edition of the North Carolina Residential Code, Chapters 1-10, 25-33, 45, 46 and Appendices as
- presented by the committee as follows:

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- 16 The proposed amendments to the 2021 International Residential Code, Chapters 1-10, 25-33, 45, 46 and
- 17 Appendices to establish the 2024 NC Residential Code, Chapters 1-10, 25-33, 45, 46 and Appendices can
- be found at the following link on the NCDOI website. Select the link to "B-4 2024 NCRC Chapters 1-10
- and 25-33 and 45-46 and Appendices": https://www.ncosfm.gov/news/events/building-code-council-
- 20 meeting-march-14-2023

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- 22 The 2021 International Residential Code, Chapters 1-10, 25-33, 45, 46 and Appendices can be found at the
- following link on the ICC website: <a href="https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IRC2021P2">https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IRC2021P2</a>

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- 25 Motion/Second/Approved The request was granted. The proposed effective date of this rule is January
- 26 1, 2025, unless the BCC assigns a delayed effective date.
- 27 **Reason Given** This amendment is proposed to protect the public by updating the code to current
- 28 standards of practice.
- 29 **Fiscal Statement** This rule is anticipated to provide equivalent compliance with no net decrease/increase
- 30 in cost. This rule is not expected to either have a substantial economic impact or increase local and state
- funds. A fiscal note has not been prepared.

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- 33 3. Request from Carl Martin representing NCDOI to amend the 2024 NC Building Code, Section
- 34 **101.2** as follows:

- 36 [A] 101.2 Scope. The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, alteration, relocation,
- 37 enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and

1	demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or		
2	structures.		
3	Exceptions: If any of the following apply, then the building or structure is exempt from the		
4	provisions of this code:		
5	1. Detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses not more than three stories		
6	above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress, and their accessory		
7	structures not more than three stories above grade plane in height, shall comply with this		
8	code or the International Residential Code.		
9	2. Farm buildings not used for:		
10	a. Sleeping purposes; or		
11	b. Storage of hazardous materials in excess of those listed in Tables 307.1(1)		
12	and 307.1(2) within the building rules jurisdiction of any municipality.		
13	3. The design, construction, location, installation or operation of equipment for storing,		
14	handling and transporting liquefied petroleum gases for fuel purposes up to the outlet of		
15	the first stage pressure regulator, anhydrous ammonia or other liquid fertilizer.		
16	4. The design, construction, location, installation or operation of equipment of facilities		
17	of a public utility, as defined in N.C.G.S. 62-3, or electric or telephone membership		
18	corporation, including without limitation poles, towers and other structures supporting		
19	electric or communication lines from the distribution network up to the meter location.		
20	5. The storage and handling of substances governed by the Hazardous Chemical Right to		
21	Know Act in N.C.G.S. Chapter 95, Article 18.		
22	6. Retaining walls complying with any of the following:		
23	a. 3 feet or less in height where a guard is required;		
24	b. 5 feet or less of cumulative fill within 3 feet horizontally from the wall;		
25	c. Not located within 15 feet of another retaining wall; and		
26	d. Not located within 3 feet of a building or structure.		
27	7. Farm structures exempt by N.C.G.S 143-138(b4).		
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29	Motion/Second/Approved – The request was granted. The proposed effective date of this rule is January		
30	1, 2025, unless the BCC assigns a delayed effective date.		
31	Reason Given - The purpose of this amendment is to generically identify and include exemptions stated in		
32	NC General Statute 143-138, paragraph b4. By referencing the statute, the code includes all changes to the		
33	statute during the cycle of the code.		
34	Fiscal Statement – This rule is anticipated to provide equivalent compliance with no net decrease/increase		
35	in cost. This rule is not expected to either have a substantial economic impact or increase local and state		
36	funds. A fiscal note has not been prepared.		

1	4. Request from Carl Martin representing NCDOI to amend the 2024 NC Fire Code, Section 102.13		
2	as follows:		
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4	102.13 Exception to applicability. The provisions of this code shall not apply to the following:		
5	1. Occupancy of one- and two-family dwellings.		
6	2. Farm buildings not used for:		
7	a. Sleeping purposes; or		
8	b. Storage of hazardous materials in excess of those listed in Tables 5003.1.1(1) and		
9	5003.1.1(2) within the building rules jurisdiction of any municipality.		
10	3. The design, construction, location, installation, or operation of equipment for storing, handling,		
11	and transporting liquefied petroleum gases for fuel purposes up to the first stage regulator,		
12	liquefied natural gases, and anhydrous ammonia or other liquid fertilizers.		
13	4. The design, construction, location, installation or operation of equipment or facilities of a public		
14	utility, as defined in N.C.G.S. 62-3, or an electric or telephone membership corporation, including		
15	without limitation poles, towers and other structures supporting electric or communication lines		
16	from the distribution network up to the meter location.		
17	Exception: All buildings owned and operated by a public utility or an electric or		
18	telephone membership corporation shall meet the provisions of the code.		
19	5. The storage and handling of substances governed by the Hazardous Chemicals Right to Know		
20	Act in N.C.G.S. Chapter 95, Article 18.		
21	6. Open burning pursuant to N.C.G.S. 106-940 through 106-950 under the jurisdiction of the		
22	North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.		
23	7. Farm structures exempt by N.C.G.S 143-138(b4).		
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25	Motion/Second/Approved – The request was granted. The proposed effective date of this rule is January		
26	1, 2025, unless the BCC assigns a delayed effective date.		
27	Reason Given - The purpose of this amendment is to generically identify and include exemptions stated in		
28	NC General Statute 143-138, paragraph b4. By referencing the statute, the code includes all changes to the		
29	statute during the cycle of the code.		
30	Fiscal Statement – This rule is anticipated to provide equivalent compliance with no net decrease/increase		
31	in cost. This rule is not expected to either have a substantial economic impact or increase local and state		
32	funds. A fiscal note has not been prepared.		
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34	5. Request from Carl Martin representing NCDOI to amend the 2024 NC Existing Building Code,		
35	Section 101.2 as follows:		

1	[A] 101.2 Scope. The provisions of this code shall apply to the repair, alteration, change of occupancy,		
2	addition to and relocation of existing buildings.		
3	Exceptions:		
4	1. Detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses not more than three stories		
5	above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress, and their accessory		
6	structures not more than three stories above grade plane in height, shall comply with this		
7	code or the International Residential Code.		
8	2. This code shall not apply to buildings constructed under exemption by North Carolina		
9	State law to compliance with North Carolina State Building Codes.		
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11	Motion/Second/Approved – The request was granted. The proposed effective date of this rule is January		
12	1, 2025, unless the BCC assigns a delayed effective date.		
13	Reason Given – The purpose of this amendment is to indicate how this code relates to buildings that are		
14	constructed without required compliance to the NC State Building Codes because use of this code assumes		
15	a structure complied with minimum safety requirements of a previous code.		
16	Fiscal Statement – This rule is anticipated to provide equivalent compliance with no net decrease/increase		
17	in cost. This rule is not expected to either have a substantial economic impact or increase local and state		
18	funds. A fiscal note has not been prepared.		
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20	6. Request from Carl Martin representing NCDOI to amend the 2024 NC Energy Conservation		
21	Code, Section C101.2 and R102.2 as follows:		
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23	C101.2 Scope. This code applies to <i>commercial buildings</i> and the buildings' sites and associated systems		
24	and equipment.		
25	Exception: Farm structures exempt by N.C.G.S 143-138(b4).		
26	R101.2 Scope. This code applies to residential buildings, building sites and associated systems and		
27	equipment.		
28	Exception: Farm structures exempt by N.C.G.S 143-138(b4).		
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30	Motion/Second/Approved – The request was granted. The proposed effective date of this rule is January		
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31	1, 2025, unless the BCC assigns a delayed effective date.		
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32	1, 2025, unless the BCC assigns a delayed effective date.  Reason Given – The purpose of this amendment is to generically identify and include exemptions stated in		
32 33	1, 2025, unless the BCC assigns a delayed effective date.  Reason Given – The purpose of this amendment is to generically identify and include exemptions stated in NC General Statute 143-138, paragraph b4. By referencing the statute, the code includes all changes to the		
32 33 34	1, 2025, unless the BCC assigns a delayed effective date.  Reason Given – The purpose of this amendment is to generically identify and include exemptions stated in NC General Statute 143-138, paragraph b4. By referencing the statute, the code includes all changes to the statute during the cycle of the code.		

1	7. Request from Carl Martin to amend the 2024 NC Existing Building Code, Section 803.2.1.2 as
2	follows:
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4	803.2.1.2 Low-rise buildings. Work areas that increase the fire area or calculated occupant load above the
5	limits listed in Section 903.2 of the International Building Code shall meet the requirements of those
6	sections.
7	Exception: Where an automatic sprinklers system is not existing in a building or otherwise
8	required by Section 803, North Carolina Building Code Section 903.2.8 shall not be applied for
9	Group R-3.
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11	Motion/Second/Approved - The request was granted. The proposed effective date of this rule is January
12	1, 2025, unless the BCC assigns a delayed effective date.
13	Reason Given - The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that an alteration level 2 can be performed
14	without requiring an automatic sprinkler system for Group R-3 occupancy classifications when the building
15	contains a maximum of two dwelling units in a low rise building and is not otherwise required to be
16	sprinklered. This is consistent with the sprinkler requirements for a change use as addressed in NCEBC
17	Section 1011.2.1.2 and Table 1011.2.1 for Group R-3 as well as Section 904.
18	Fiscal Statement – This rule is anticipated to provide equivalent compliance with no net decrease/increase
19	in cost. This rule is not expected to either have a substantial economic impact or increase local and state
20	funds. A fiscal note has not been prepared.
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22	8. Request from Carl Martin representing NC Board of Architecture and Registered Interior
23	Designers to amend the 2024 NC Administrative Code, Section Appendix B as follows:

## APPENDIX B

## 2024 BUILDING CODE SUMMARY FOR ALL COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

(EXCEPT ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND TOWNHOUSES)

(Reproduce the following data on the building plans sheet 1 or 2)

CONTACT:				-
DESIGNER	FIRM	NAME	LICENSE#	TELEPHONE # E-MAIL
Architectural				(_)
Registered Interior Designer				<u></u>
Electrical				(_)
Fire Alarm				(_)
Plumbing				(_)
Mechanical				()
Sprinkler-				()
Standpipe Structural				(_)
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> 5 feet High				
Other				() eered, <u>nonregistered</u> interior
1, 2025, unless the <b>Reason Given</b> – T	e BCC assigns a This amendmen designers and i	delayed effective	date. gn Appendix B w	effective date of this rule is January ith the current requirements for ard of Architecture and Registered
Fiscal Statement	– This rule is a	nticipated to provi	de equivalent com	pliance with no net decrease/increase
in cost. This rule	is not expected	to either have a su	bstantial economi	c impact or increase local and state
funds. A fiscal no	te has not been	prepared.		
9. Request from Administrative C		•	<u> </u>	uncil to amend the 2024 NC
106.3.1 Informati	on required. A	permit application	n shall be filed wi	th the Inspection Department on a
form (see Append	ix A) furnished	for that purpose.	The Inspection De	partment shall make available a list of

1	information that must be submitted with the building permit application, including a complete building
2	eode summary Building Code Summary (see Appendix A of the Administrative Code and Policies
3	Appendix B) complying with 106.3.2.
4	Exception: A Building Code Summary is not required if the AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction)
5	determines plan review can be performed without the Building Code Summary.
6	106.3.2 Building Code Summary. The Inspection Department's building code summary Building Code
7	Summary used by an AHJ shall be in the exact format as, and contain only the information in, Appendix B
8	of the Administrative Code and Policies. The Inspection Department An AHJ shall only modify its building
9	eode summary the Building Code Summary as set forth in section 103.6 Modifications, or as necessary to
10	reflect any changes by the Office of State Fire Marshal to Appendix B that have been approved by the
11	Building Code Council.
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13	Motion/Second/Approved – The request was granted. The proposed effective date of this rule is January
14	1, 2025, unless the BCC assigns a delayed effective date.
15	Reason Given – This amendment is proposed to amend the 2024 NCAC&P with language that has already
16	been approved by the NC Building Code Council for the 2018 NCAC&P.
17	Fiscal Statement – This rule is anticipated to provide equivalent compliance with no net decrease/increase
18	in cost. This rule is not expected to either have a substantial economic impact or increase local and state
19	funds. A fiscal note has not been prepared.
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21	10. Request from Marielena Salazar & Kyle Baker representing Shell Retail & Convenience
22	Operations (dba Shell TapUp) to amend the 2024 NC Fire Code, Section 5706.5.4.5 as follows:
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24	5706.5.4.5 Commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments. Dispensing of
25	Class I, II and III motor vehicle fuel from tank vehicles into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles located at
26	commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments is allowed where approved
27	permitted provided that such dispensing operations are conducted in accordance with the following:
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29	Motion/Second/Approved – The request was granted. The proposed effective date of this rule is January
30	1, 2025, unless the BCC assigns a delayed effective date.
31	Reason Given - Proponent seeks to add approved & add Class I liquids to Section 5706.5.4.5, which
32	governs fleet fueling at commercial, industrial, governmental and manufacturing establishments. The
33	proposed revision I was approved and made final by the ICC Board during the 2024 IFC during the Group
34	A cycle.
35	Fiscal Statement – This rule is anticipated to provide equivalent compliance with no net decrease/increase
36	in cost. This rule is not expected to either have a substantial economic impact or increase local and state
37	funds. A fiscal note has not been prepared.

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2	NOTICE:
3	Appeals and Interpretations of the North Carolina State Building Codes are published online at the
4	following link.
5	https://www.ncosfm.gov/interpretations
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7	NOTICE:
8	Amendments of the North Carolina State Building Codes are published online at the following link.
9	https://www.ncosfm.gov/codes/codes-current-and-past
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11	NOTICE:
12	Objections and Legislative Review requests may be made to the NC Office of Administrative Hearings in
13	accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) after Rules are adopted by the Building Code Council.
14	http://www.ncoah.com/rules/