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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal – Engineering and Building Codes Division Statement Regarding the Effective Date of the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code

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The responsibility for the administration of the North Carolina State Building Code granted to the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal by North Carolina General Statutes 143-139 and 58-78A-1.

North Carolina General Assembly Session Law 2024-57 (S382) became law on 12/11/24. Section 1F.3 of the new law delays the effective date of the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code to 7/1/25. As a result, the 2018 North Carolina State Building Code remains effective through 6/30/25.

The following code volumes comprise the 2018 North Carolina State Building Code:

1. 2018 North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies
2. 2018 North Carolina Building Code
3. 2017 North Carolina Electrical Code (2017 NFPA 70 National Electrical Code with NC Amendments) for buildings and structures included within the scope of the 2018 North Carolina Residential Code.
4. 2020 North Carolina Electrical Code (2020 NFPA 70 National Electrical Code with NC Amendments) for buildings and structures not included within the scope of the 2018 North Carolina Residential Code.
5. 2018 North Carolina Energy Conservation Code
6. 2018 North Carolina Existing Building Code
7. 2018 North Carolina Fire Code
8. 2018 North Carolina Fuel Gas Code
9. 2018 North Carolina Mechanical Code
10. 2018 North Carolina Plumbing Code
11. 2018 North Carolina Residential Code

The 2024 North Carolina State Building Code is effective on 7/1/25.

The following code volumes comprise the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code:

1. 2024 North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies
2. 2024 North Carolina Building Code
3. 2023 North Carolina Electrical Code (2023 NFPA 70 National Electrical Code with NC Amendments)

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4. 2018 North Carolina Energy Conservation Code (NCECC) (The proposed 2024 North Carolina Energy Conservation Code is currently under legislative review by the North Carolina General Assembly pursuant to N.C.G.S. 150B-21.3. The 2018 NCECC remains effective until the results of the legislative review are known, which is anticipated to be in the long session of 2025.)
5. 2024 North Carolina Existing Building Code
6. 2024 North Carolina Fire Code
7. 2024 North Carolina Fuel Gas Code
8. 2024 North Carolina Mechanical Code
9. 2024 North Carolina Plumbing Code
10. 2024 North Carolina Residential Code (NCRC) (Chapters 11 through 24 of the 2018 NCRC are included within the 2024 NCRC as per North Carolina General Assembly Session Law 2023-108 (H488), Sections 7 and 8 which became law on 8/16/23).

Both online and print copies of the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code are anticipated to be available to the public in the first quarter of 2025.

Below are links to the North Carolina Building Code Council adopted and Rules Review Commission of the NC Office of Administrative Hearings approved 2024 North Carolina State Building Code. Until published copies of the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code are available to the public, these approved documents may be currently used as alternate materials, designs or methods by applying 2018 North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies, Section 105 and through coordination with the local code enforcement agency to define the regulatory path for the project. If the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code is used prior to the 7/1/25 effective date, this code shall be used for the entirety of the scope of work included in the project.

2024 NC Administrative Code and Policies: <https://www.oah.nc.gov/012024-bcc-admin-code-final-revised-rule/open>

2024 NC Building Code: <https://www.oah.nc.gov/2024-bcc-final-revised-rules/open>

2023 NC Electrical Code: <https://www.oah.nc.gov/bcc-electrical-code-final-revised-rules/open>

2024 NC Existing Building Code: <https://www.oah.nc.gov/bcc-existing-code-final-revised-rules/open>

2024 NC Fire Code: <https://www.oah.nc.gov/bcc-fire-code-final-revised-rule/open>

2024 NC Fuel Gas Code: <https://www.oah.nc.gov/bcc-fuel-gas-final-revised-rules/open>

2024 NC Mechanical Code: <https://www.oah.nc.gov/formatted-review-aid-2024-nc-mechanical-conservation-code/open>



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2024 NC Plumbing Code: <https://www.oah.nc.gov/2024bcc-plumbing-code-final-revised-rules/open>

2024 NC Residential Code: <https://www.oah.nc.gov/residential-code-final-revised-rules-combined/open>

Sincerely,



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