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Introduction

Current Topics

We Are Moving!

As many of you know, the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) will be moving to consolidate with other Department of Insurance offices in the newly renovated Albemarle Building in February 2017.

Prior to this permanent consolidation, OSFM is moving to a temporary location within the Department of Administration Building beginning the third week of September. Since this is a dynamic process, the exact day of the phone number changes and the physical mailing address will be sent out closer to the time of the move.

The staff phone numbers will change but the e-mail addresses will not. The expected phone numbers will be as follows:

(All Numbers are 919 area Code)

Main Number	647-0000
Austin, Dan	647-0011
Bailey, Mark	647-0015
Butler, Melanie	647-0016
Daughtry, Rodney	647-0027
Denton, Renita	647-0005
Dittman, Dan	647-0012
Gupton, Barry	647-0004
Hejduk, Mike	647-0024
Hinton, Billy	647-0008
Hollyfield, Jennifer	647-0022
Joyner, Phil	647-0026
Kevin Durigon	647-0103
Kirk, Bill	647-0006
Konopka, Sharon	647-0019
Latham, Rebecca	647-0013
Martin, Carl	647-0009
Miller, Andy	647-0025
Moeller, Bill	647-0007
Morrison, Tim	647-0021
Noles, Chris	647-0010
Page, Mike	647-0017
Santiago, Natalia	647-0018
Searles, Ashley	647-0029
Starling, Joseph	647-0020
Tart, Terri	647-0031
Whittington, Sam	647-0028
Williams, Kathy	647-0023
Wright, Laurel	647-0014
Yelverton, Jessica	647-0030

Feature Articles

Codes Update – Ad Hoc Meetings

The ad Hoc Committees for the various codes are largely completed, with the next step of the 2018 code cycle publication being submission to the NC Building Code Council.

Ad Hoc Link: (press the “MEETING DATES” button after you open the following link)

http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Default.aspx?field1=BCC_-_Ad_Hoc_Committee_Meeting_Information&user=Building_Code_Council&sub=BCC_Committees

The 2012 NC Codes remain in effect until the 2019 codes have gone through the Ad Hoc and Building Code Council process. Cumulative amendments to the 2012 NC Codes may be downloaded at any time, see Cumulative Supplements section for links.

Building Code Council Approved Rule Changes

At the June 2016 Building Code Council meeting, there were eight D-Items, and six of these were adopted. Please refer to the following link to review the list of D-Items from the June 2016 Building Code Council Meeting:

BCC Meeting Minutes-June 2016

http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Documents/BCC_Minutes/2016%2006%2014~June%2014,%202016_.pdf

Assuming the BCC-approved D-Items are approved by the Rule Review Commission, the adopted rules will be placed on the NCDOT Engineering website. The compilation of previously approved rules that are currently *effective* is located in the document “**Accumulative Supplement to the 2012 NC Building Code**”. All amendments from 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 are being posted in this single document. Approved amendments with an effective date of Jan 1, 2017 are still located in a different document as discussed in the Cumulative Supplements section later in the newsletter.

Accumulative Supplement to the 2012 NC Building Code links:

http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Documents/2012_NCBuildingCode_amendments/2012-2016ApprovedCumulativeTest1Format.pdf

2015-2017 Approved Cumulative Amendments:

http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Documents/2012_NCBuildingCode_amendments/2015-2017ApprovedCumulative.pdf

The full review of the six June-approved code amendments is left to the reader, but the titles of each item are bulleted below.

- **Item D – 1 Request by Darrell Johnson, representing himself, to amend the 2012 NC Plumbing Code, Section 416.5. (Adopted)**
- **Item D – 2 Request by Rick Baxley, P.E., representing Brick Industry Association (BIA), to amend the 2012 NC Residential Code, Section R703.7.4.2. (Adopted)**
- **Item D – 3 Request by Bryan D. Robinson/Leon Skinner, representing the City of Raleigh Development Services, to amend the 2012 NC Building Code, Section 1109.2.1. (Adopted)**
- **Item D – 4 Request by Clint Latham, representing the NC Plumbing Inspector’s Association, to amend the 2012 NC Plumbing Code, Section 202. (Adopted)**

- **Item D – 7 Request by Tim Fowler, NC Building Code Council, to amend the 2015 NEC, Section 338.10 (B)(4)(a). (Adopted)**
- **Item D – 8 Request by Leah Barrett, NC Building Code Council, to amend the 2015 NEC, Section 210 (B)(4)(a). (Adopted)**

Qualification Board Update

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is October 25th, 2016*.

*Please refer to the agenda shortly before the meeting date for the exact time and location. Typically meetings are scheduled for 1:00 PM. However, the OSFM Engineering and Codes Division staff to the NCCOQB will be vacating the 322 Chapanoke Road office space by September 30, 2016 as a result of a pending move. A new location for future board meetings will be posted when further information is available.

Q-Board Dates and Agendas

[http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Default.aspx?field1=COQB -
_Meeting_Dates&user=Code_Officials_Qualification_Board&sub=COQB_Meeting](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Default.aspx?field1=COQB_-_Meeting_Dates&user=Code_Officials_Qualification_Board&sub=COQB_Meeting)

Minutes

The minutes of the previous Qualifications Board Meeting are available at the following link:

April 2016 Meeting Minutes

[http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Documents/COQB_Minutes/2016%2007%2027~April%2026,%202016
_.pdf](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Documents/COQB_Minutes/2016%2007%2027~April%2026,%202016_.pdf)

Individuals wishing to provide feedback are encouraged to contact Mike Hejduk at mike.hejduk@ncdoi.gov.

Department Notes

Engineering Department

New Code Interpretations Posted

Since the last Engineering Newsletter was posted, the following web interpretations have been posted to the interpretations webpage, at the following link:

Code Interpretations link:

[http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Default.aspx?field1=Code_Interpretations&user=State_Building
_Codes](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Default.aspx?field1=Code_Interpretations&user=State_Building_Codes)

Building 3105 - Canopy Area and Separation.doc

Existing Building 1012.2 - Change of Occupancy - Residential.doc

1401.2 - Change of Occupancy - Residential.doc

Residential R311.7.1 - Projections on Stairway Walls.doc

In addition to the generic code interpretations, job-specific Formal Interpretations and subsequent Appeals, if any, are being posted on the same webpage as the general interpretations. They are located under the table heading "SPECIFIC ACTIONS". There are several Formal Interpretations posted, including:

Formal Interpretations	160624 Housing Studio Building 1009.13 Stairway to Roof.pdf
Appeals	160627 Davis Weeks GS 130A-336, 338 Denial of Permit.pdf
	160816 Jonczak NCDOI Decision - Farm Building.pdf
	Amarr Garages Doors Order.pdf
	Faustin Order.pdf
	Quality Built Advantage Final Order.pdf
	Robertson Order.pdf
	VIM signed order and final agency decision.pdf

Cumulative Supplements

Cumulative code changes and their adoption dates can be found on the DOI website at:

Cumulative code changes link:

2012-2016 Approved Cumulative Amendments:

http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Documents/2012_NCBuildingCode_amendments/2012-2016ApprovedCumulativeTest1Format.pdf

2015-2017 Approved Cumulative Amendments:

http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Documents/2012_NCBuildingCode_amendments/2015-2017ApprovedCumulative.pdf

There are approximately 30 pages of approved amendments in the 2015-2017 document, and these primarily will have an effective date of January 1, 2017, but can be used prior to that date per NC Administrative Code Section 102.5

You may have to scroll down on the screen that is accessed at the above link to see another link to the "**Accumulative Supplement to the 2012 NC Building Code.**" This document now contains all code amendments that are adopted since 2012. Use the Table of Contents to scan for changes by Code.

Remember, refer to NC Administrative Code section **102.4 Effective date of rules**, and **102.5 Interim use of approved rules** for clarification of effective dates and the process for using approved rules prior to the effective date.

NC Building Code Training

The most up-to-date training schedule for all building codes are available at the following link:

[http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Default.aspx?field1=Code Education -
_Student Main&user=Code Education Resources](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering_and_Codes/Default.aspx?field1=Code_Education_-_Student_Main&user=Code_Education_Resources)

Once the web page is accessed, click the “**FIND A CLASS**” button to refine your search. As discussed in previous newsletters, please consider the use of the Standard Classes if you are a design professional, contractor, or code official, as they are an underutilized offering.

The NC Building Inspectors Association, NC Plumbing Inspectors Association, NC Mechanical Inspectors Association and NC Fire Marshal’s Association have completed their Annual Meetings, and are currently developing classes for next year, 2017. There are still courses offered by various jurisdictions and approved third-party trainers. In addition, there are Standard Courses being offered at community colleges that can be found on the “**FIND A CLASS**” site.

<http://www.ncbia.org/>

<http://ncpia.us/>

<http://ncmia.com/>

There are several con-ed classes being offered by the North Carolina Fire Marshal’s Association this fall, see their website for full details and application forms.

<http://www.ncfma.com/>

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2016
Durham Fire Adm. Auditorium
2008 E. Club Blvd.
Durham, NC 27706

Nov. 16 & 18, 2016
Winterville Fire Department
2593 Railroad St.
Winterville, NC 28590

Dec. 15 & 16, 2016
Conover Fire Station Three
1776 Village Square Dr., NW
Conover, NC 28613

<http://www.nciaei.org/>