RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE WAKE COUNTY BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS ORDINANCE CHAPTER 150

WHEREAS, in 1979, Wake County adopted an ordinance to establish Chapter 150 of the Wake County Code of Ordinances, entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the County's Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance was to preserve and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants within the jurisdiction of the County and of the public by the enforcement of regulations adopted by the North Carolina Building Code Council and North Carolina Department of Insurance; and

WHEREAS, the County's Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance sets forth the policies and procedures pursuant to state law; and

WHEREAS, the County's Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance was last updated in 1990; and

WHEREAS, state laws governing building regulations have recently changed, and County polices in providing these services have also evolved since the County's Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance was last updated; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the N.C. General Assembly adopted legislation that consolidated building regulations laws for both cities and counties (Session Law 2019-111), which legislation was initially set to become effective on July 1, 2021 but which, as a result of subsequent legislation, became effective on June 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the County's Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance incorporate new references to the amended North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the County's Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance also includes updates that are consistent with the County's current practices related to building and building regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners held a duly noticed public hearing on April 19, 2021, to consider adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 150 of the Wake County Code of Ordinances, entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

- 1. The Wake County Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance preserves and promotes the public health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants within the jurisdiction of the county.
- 2. The proposed amendments to the Wake County Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance further this purpose pursuant to state law and consistent with the County's current practices.
- 3. The proposed amendments are hereby adopted.

Adopted this 19th day of April 2021.

ATTEST: one Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WAKE

By: / Cal

Matthew M. Calabria, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM: atten

Scott Warren, County Attorney

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GENERALLY

§150.001 TITLE.

This chapter shall be and is referred to and cited as "The Building Code of Administrative and Technical Ordinances of Wake County, North Carolina". (1984 Code, § 2-4-16) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979)

§ 150.002 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

DEPARTMENT. The Community **Development** Services Department.

DIRECTOR. The Director of the Building Inspections Division.

DIVISION. The Building Inspections Division.

FARM BUILDING. All farm structures not used as dwellings.

INSPECTOR. Building Inspections Director or his or her authorized representative.

OTHER DEFINITIONS. Other definitions shall be as contained in all referenced codes, ordinances and regulations constituting this chapter.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-19) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979;)Ord. passed 4-19-21)

§ 150.003 STANDARDS FOLLOWED IN THE FORMULATION AND ADOPTION OF CHAPTER.

All regulations contained in this chapter have a reasonable and substantial connection with the public health, safety, morals or general welfare; and their provisions shall be construed liberally to those ends. Requirements of this chapter shall conform to good engineering practice, as evidenced generally by the requirements of the National Building Code of the American Insurance Association, the Standard Building Code of the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., the Uniform Building Code of the International Conference of Building Officials, the Basic Building Code of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., the National Electrical Code, the Building Exits Code of the National Fire Protection Association, the American Standards Safety Code for Elevators, Dumbwaiters and Escalators, the Boiler Code of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Standards of the American Insurance Association for the Installation of Gas Piping and Gas Appliances in Buildings and the standards promulgated by the American Standards Association, Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., and similar national agencies engaged in research concerning strength of materials, safe design and other factors bearing upon health and safety.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-19) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979) (Ord. passed 4-19-21)

§150.004 PURPOSE.

This chapter is enacted to preserve and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants within the jurisdiction of the county and of the public generally by enforcement and control through regulations adopted and/or endorsed by the state's Building Code Council and the state's Insurance Department, and adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-20) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979)

Statutory reference:

Board of Commissioners, see G.S. §§ 153A-25 et seq.

Building Code Council, see G.S. §§ 143-136 et seq.

Insurance Department, see G.S. §§ 58-4 et seq.

§ 150.005 REGULATORY PROVISIONS; CODES ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

(A) This chapter as constituted and resolutely adopted by vote of the Board of Commissioners contains, in addition to administrative and general regulations, the most current editions of the following codes by reference and as hereinafter modified:

(1) The North Carolina State Building Code, as adopted and amended by the state's Building Code Council in accordance with G.S. §§ 143-136 et seq.;

(2) The North Carolina State Residential Code as adopted and amended by the state's Building Code Council in accordance with G.S. §§ 143-136 et seq.;

(3) The National Electrical Code (Volume IV, North Carolina State Building Code), as amended;

(4) The North Carolina State Plumbing Code (Volume H, North Carolina State Building Code), as amended;

(5) The North Carolina State Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Mechanical Code (Volume III, North Carolina State Building Code), as amended; and

(6) The North Carolina State Energy <u>Conservation</u> Code, as adopted by the state's Building Code Council; and

(7) The North Carolina State Administration Administrative Code and Policies and Enforcement Requirements Code, as amended and adopted by the state's Building Code Council.

(B) This chapter and the codes herein adopted by reference shall be applicable to all buildings, structures, utilities and the like, as provided in § 150.007 and to one- and two-family residences and outbuildings used in connection therewith.

(C) Copies of this chapter and all referenced codes and subsequent amendments thereto shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and in the Division.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-21) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. 6-18-1990<u>;)Ord. passed 4-19-21</u>) Statutory reference:

County inspection division, see G.S. §§ 160D-1101 153A-351 et seq.

§ 150.006 AMENDMENTS TO CODES.

Amendments to the regulatory codes adopted by reference in this chapter which are from time to time adopted and published <u>shall become effective upon adoption</u> by the agencies or organizations referred to herein<u>.-shall be effective in the county at the time the</u> amendments are adopted by reference by the Board of Commissioners. (1984 Code, § 2-4-22) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; <u>-Ord. passed 4-19-21)</u>

§150.007 SCOPE.

The provisions of this chapter and of the regulatory codes and ordinance adopted herein shall be applicable to all buildings, structures and utilities, including dwellings and outbuildings used in connection therewith, and shall extend to and govern the following:

(A) Location, design, materials, equipment, construction, reconstruction, additions, alterations, repair, demolition, removal, occupancy or maintenance of any building, structure or utility hereafter erected; and

(B) Reconstruction, equipment, alteration, addition, repair, moving, change of occupancy or maintenance of any existing building, structure or utility heretofore erected. (1984 Code, § 2-4-23) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979)

BUILDING INSPECTIONS DIVISIONS GENERALLY

§ 150.020 CREATED.

The Board of Commissioners hereby establishes, under the County Manager, a County Building Inspections Division. The County Manager shall provide the location of this Division in the county's organizational structure.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-36) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990)

§ 150.021 DIRECTOR.

The Division shall be administered by a Director, duly appointed in a manner prescribed in the county personnel regulations, whose powers and duties shall be to enforce any county building regulations adopted under G.S. § <u>153A-351.1160D-1104</u>; to collect inspection fees determined by the Board of Commissioners and deliver same to the County Treasurer; and to carry out the other duties as may be assigned.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-37) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990; <u>-)Ord. passed 4-19-</u> 21)

§150.022 STAFF.

The Division shall be staffed with persons properly qualified under G.S. § 153A-351.1160D-1103 in specific phases of the building trades and for related assignments and by the other persons as are necessary to perform secretarial and clerical duties, all appointed in a manner as prescribed in the county personnel regulations. (1984 Code, § 2-4-38) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990; <u>-)Ord. passed 4-19-21</u>)

§ 150.023 AUTHORIZATION AND IDENTIFICATION.

The Director shall authorize and assign staff members of the Division to carry out the duties and exercise the power as may be delegated to him or her by this Division, except in no case shall the Director assign any duties to any inspectors contrary to G.S. § 153A-351.1160D-1103. Each inspector in the Division shall be provided by the county with an identification card bearing information necessary to properly identify the bearer. The identification card shall bear the authority of this section, shall be carried upon the person identified and shall be used when necessary to identify the persons properly while performing his or her official duties.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-39) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990;) Ord. passed 4-19-21)

§ 150.024 RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYEES.

No employee of the Division shall be financially interested in the furnishing of labor, material or appliances, or the making of plans or of specifications therefor, for any activity governed by the Division unless he or she is the owner of the activity. No employee of the Division shall engage in any work which is inconsistent with his or her duties or with the interests of this Division.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-40) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990)

§ 150.025 GENERAL AUTHORITY.

(A) Inspections. The Director shall have the authority to conduct, or cause to be conducted, inspections, investigations and/or surveys to determine compliance or noncompliance of all buildings, structures, utilities and/or uses within the scope of this Division.

(B) Right of entry. Incidental to inspections, investigations and/or surveys under the authority of this Division, the Director or his or her authorized representative may at reasonable hours enter into and upon and cause any land, building, structure or utility to be inspected and examined. A failure or refusal to permit the entry and inspection after the issuance, by the Director, of a proper request therefor, shall constitute a violation of this Division. Additionally, the right to entry and inspection may be enforced by application to and proper order from a court of proper jurisdiction <u>pursuant to G.S. §§ 15-27.2</u>.

(C) Stop orders.

(1) Wherever any work is being performed contrary to the provisions of this section, the Director may order the work stopped by notice in writing served on any person engaged in the work and/or causing the work to be performed. The order shall be given to the owner or licensee or his, her or its agents pursuant to G.S. §§ 160D-404.

(2) After due stop order notice has been given, it shall be unlawful for any person to proceed with the work until the corrective work required to be performed by the notice is complied with, within a reasonable specified time.

(D) Unsafe buildings, structures, utilities or land uses.

(1) The Director shall have authority to cause existing conditions in any building, structure, utility or land use, which has determined through due process to be unsafe, to corrected in the reasonable manner to remove the hazard caused by the condition.

(2) After the owner or his or her agent has been duly notified, failure of the owner or his or her agent to make the necessary corrections as may be prescribed shall constitute a violation of this section.

(3) In the case where a utility has been determined and declared by the Director to be unsafe, the Director shall have authority to order the utility disconnected or its use discontinued until the hazard caused thereby is corrected.

(4) In the event that it is discovered that construction performed under a permit issued under this section is suspected to have State Building Code violations following the issuance of certificate of compliance, the following procedure shall be adhered to by the Director.

(a) The complainant shall submit in writing to the Director a letter which contains the following information:

1. Name of complainant;

- 2. Location of complaint;
- 3. Building permit number; and
- 4. Suspected code violations.

(b) The Director shall conduct an investigation to determine if there are in fact State Building Code violations involved. The investigation shall be conducted using the Building Code and standard inspection practices and procedures in effect at the time the building permit was issued.

(c) If code violations are found, the Director shall contact the contractor <u>and owner</u> to which the permit was issued and direct them to correct the State Building Code violations within 30 dayspursuant to G.S. §§ 160D-1118 and G.S. §§ 160D-1121.

(d) If there is a disagreement between the contractor and the Director as to what constitutes a Building Code violation, the Director shall request that the state's Department of Insurance review the specific code items and render a written opinion to the Director.

(e) If the state's Department of Insurance determines that these items are not State Building Code violations, the investigation shall be discontinued.

(f) If the state's Department of Insurance determines that in fact these items are code violations, the contractor again will be directed to correct those identified items. If the contractor refuses to arrange to correct the items, within 30 days, the Director shall file

with the appropriate State Licensing Board a complaint against the contractor requesting that appropriate disciplinary actions be taken.

(g) In the event that action by the appropriate State Licensing Board does not cause the contractor to correct the identified Building Code violations(s), the Director shall notify the contractor by registered letter that no further permits will be issued to him or her or his or her agents until the corrections have been completed and inspected. Within ten days of receipt of the letter, the contractor may appeal the Director's decision to the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners shall hear the appeal within 30 days and render a decision as to whether good cause exists to lift, uphold or modify the stay on permits issuance.

(E) Posting of signs. When necessary to preserve the public health, safety and/or welfare of the citizens of the county, the Director may post signs which shall prohibit entry into unsafe buildings or structures; however, with permission of the Director, it shall be unlawful to enter in or upon a building or structure for the purpose of effecting any required repairs, rehabilitation or demolition.

(F) Service of notice.

(1) Service of any notice may be by personal service as defined by the state's Rules of Civil Procedures, or may be made by registered mail, return receipt requested; and the service shall be deemed complete upon delivery.

(2) In the event the address of a person to be notified is unknown or the receipt of a notice which has been mailed is returned unsigned, the notice may he or she served by posting the same on a conspicuous place on the premises upon which the unsafe condition is located, and by a proper notice posted on the public notice bulletin board in the county courthouse, in which the event service shall be deemed complete as of the moment of postingbe served pursuant to G.S. §§ 160D-1121.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-41) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 11-26-1990; Ord. passed 4-19-21)) Penalty, see § 150.999

Statutory reference:

Rules of civil procedure, see G.S. § 1A-1

BUILDINGS

§ 150.035 DUTIES AND REPORTS.

(A) Duties. It shall be the duty of the Inspector to enforce all state and local laws governing building installations and materials (as covered in the most current editions of the North Carolina State Building Codes), the provisions of this section and the provisions of the regulation adopted by reference hereinpursuant to G.S. §§ 160D-1104.

(B) Reports. The Director shall make a monthly report of all inspections <u>made</u>. to the <u>County Manager and to the other agencies as are required</u>.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-56) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 11-26-1990; Ord. passed 4-19-21))

§ 150.036 SCOPE, G.S. § 143-138(B) AND (E).

(A) State Building Code. The State Building Code as adopted by the State Building Code Council under G.S. Chapter 143, § 143-138, Article 9, is recognized as and shall constitute the building ordinance in the county applicable to all buildings covered thereby and as herein modified.

(B) Uniform-North Carolina Residential Building Code. The North Carolina Uniform Residential Building Code, adopted by State of North Carolina state, is recognized as and shall constitute the building ordinance in the county applicable to one- and two-family residences and outbuildings connected therewith.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-57) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979;)Ord. passed 4-19-21)

§ 150.037 DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY; APPEAL.

Should any controversy arise relating to the interpretation of any section of the state's Building Code, or any other provisions of this chapter, the installer may exercise his or her rights of appeal as prescribed in the state's Building Code.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-58) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979)

§ 150.038 EXEMPTIONS.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to regulate farm buildings, as defined in § 150.002, temporary buildings and sheds.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-59) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 4-19-21))

§ 150.039 PERMITS REQUIRED.

(A) No person shall locate, erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair or relocate any building, structure or utility or change the type occupancy thereof, or establish or change any land use or cause same to be performed without first having obtained a permit from the Division for the specific work to be performed or use to be established.

(B) No person shall install, replace or relocate any electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating or cooling utility, material, appliances or equipment without first having obtained a permit from the Division for the specific work to be performed.

(C) The other permits required by any other county or state agency shall be obtained. (1984 Code, § 2-4-60) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990) Penalty, see § 150.999

§ 150.040 PERMITS, EXEMPTIONS.

(A) <u>Permits shall not be required for certain repairs, replacements, alterations, or</u> <u>installations pursuant to G.S. §§ 160D-1110.</u> Permits shall not be required for minor repairs or replacements on the house side of a trap to an installed system of plumbing provided the repairs or replacements do not disrupt the original water supply or the waste or ventilation system. If a fixture is replaced, a permit shall be secured and the new fixture shall be inspected.

(B) Permits shall not be required for minor repairs, minor burner services or filter replacements of warm-air furnaces or cooling systems.

(C) Permits shall not be required for the installation, extension, alteration or general repair of any heating and/or cooling equipment in or on farm use buildings.
(1984 Code, § 2-4-61) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 4-19-21)

§ 150.041 PERMITS NOT REQUIRED.

(A) Bona fide farms. A building permit shall not be required for bona fide farm buildings (not including farm dwellings) or uses which have been exempted in § 150.037038.

(B) Public utility. A permit shall not be required of a public utility duly franchised in the county for the repair and maintenance of the equipment and facilities used in the distribution of the utility.

(C) Signs. A permit shall not be required for the painting, repainting or cleaning of an existing advertising structure, or the changing of the advertising copy or the message unless a structural change is to be made. Other exemptions for signs are as prescribed in the County's Zoning Unified Development Ordinance.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-62) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; (Ord. passed 4-19-21))

§ 150.042 AUTHORIZED APPLICANTS FOR PERMIT.

(A) Only persons duly licensed under the state statutes or their authorized representative or persons otherwise exempted under the statutes may apply for a permit, and the applicants may apply for and be issued permits to perform only the work as they are entitled to under their respective license or exemptions.

(B) Any application filed for a permit or a permit issued not in compliance with these requirements will be deemed to be improper and shall be determined invalid.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-63) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990; Ord. passed 4-19-21))

Statutory reference:

Contractors, see G.S. Ch. 87

§ 150.043 PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS.

(A) The term INSPECTION, as referred to in this section, shall mean the necessary scrutiny and checking of regulated work to determine where or not the installation has been made in conformity with state and local laws and building codes governing the construction, addition to, installation, repair and renovation of building, plumbing, mechanical and electrical systems. Codes used will be the North Carolina Codes current at the time of issuance of the permit. The inspector shall have and use the necessary instruments, tools and documentation to inspect all permitted work.

(B) Required inspections shall be scheduled as set forth in § 150.050 or as specifically dictated by the work being performed on the particular permitted project. It shall be the duty of the permit holder, owner, or contractor to schedule the inspections when the work is ready for inspection and to provide access and means for the inspections. No work may be covered or concealed until approval is issued by the inspector.

(C) Additional inspection, or inspection trips, made necessary through the failure of any contractor or property owner to give specific location of work to be inspected, or failure to

properly perform work, or to otherwise create conditions making the additional inspection or trips necessary, are hereby designated extra code enforcement inspections or reinspections. For each extra code enforcement inspection or re-inspection, a fee fixed from time to time by the Board of Commissioners shall be charged against and paid by the contractor or property owner to the county-general fund.

(D) Work may not proceed beyond the point of inspection until an approval is granted by the code enforcement official. Upon inspection, the <u>code enforcementinspection</u> official shall make the inspection and indicate if the work complies with all current building codes or if deficiencies are found, shall provide a written list of such. No work may proceed until the deficiencies are corrected, inspected and approved.

(E) Independent inspections by a North Carolina registered design professional may be authorized by the code officials under the conditions and guidelines of Chapter 1 of the North Carolina State Building Code: Administrative Code and Policies. North Carolina Administrative Code and NCGS 160D-1106.

(F) Persons desiring to appeal the ruling of an inspection may do so under the conditions and guidelines of the county Inspections Appeals Policy and G.S. §§ 143-140 and 143-141. (1984 Code, § 2-4-64) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990); Ord. passed 4-19-21)

Statutory reference:

Electrical contractors, see G.S. §§ 87-39 et seq.
Electrical materials, devices, appliances and equipment, see G.S. §§ 66-23 et seq.

§ 150.044 DISPOSITION OF PLANS.

(A) Legality. All plans and specifications under this section shall be prepared by a registered architect or engineer as required and defined in G.S. Chapter 83A or Chapter 89C unless otherwise excepted under the statutes.

(B) Plans required.

(1) Two complete sets of Pplans must be furnished to the Director on all apartment, institutional, commercial industrial, residential (one- and two-family) buildings, one set will be approved and returned to be kept on the job during construction, and the other set will be filed in the Division. For every building classified under § 103.2104.1.1 of Volume I, State Building Code the current North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies, plans must be submitted to the Division of Engineering and Building Codes of the state's Insurance Division for approval. Evidence of the approval must be presented to the Department before a permit may be issued for the buildings.

(2) A <u>plot-site</u> plan, <u>pursuant to Wake County's published site plan requirements</u>, <u>showing the location of the structure or structures and the parking area</u> must be furnished when the application is made for a building permit. Plans for driveway entrances joining roads must be maintained and approved by the state's Department of Transportation and a copy of same furnished to the Department. Other plans as specified in the County's <u>Zoning</u> <u>Unified Development</u> Ordinance shall be required.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-65) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990<u>; Ord. passed 4-19-21</u>)

§150.045 VALIDITY.

(A) The issuance of a permit based on drawings and/or specifications shall not prevent the Director or his or her authorized agent from thereafter requiring the correction of errors in the drawings and/or specifications or from stopping unlawful building or use carried on thereunder. Wherever any work is being performed contrary to the provisions of this section, the Director may order the work stopped by notice in writing served on any person engaged in the work and/or causing the work to be performed. The order shall be given to the owner or permittee or his, her or its agents.

(B) After due stop order notice has been given, it shall be unlawful for any person to proceed with the work until the corrective work required to be performed by the notice is complied with, within a reasonable specified time. Noncompliance with the requirements as set forth in the stop order shall cause the permit to be voided by the Director.

(C) Any deviation from the approved plans must be <u>consistent with G.S. §§ 160D-1112</u> authorized by the approval of revised plans subject to the permit provisions of this section. An additional permit fee may be charged depending on the extent of variation from the original plans.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-66) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990; Ord. passed 4-19-21)) Penalty, see § 150.999

§ 150.046 PERMIT FEES.

Building permit and inspection fees for the construction, alteration or repair of buildings, billboards, signs, electrical wiring, rewiring, plumbing, plumbing alterations, heating and air conditioning insulations shall either be based on square footage, cost of construction or inspection service to be performed according to a fee schedule adopted and published from time to time by the Board of Commissioners and kept on file in the offices of the Clerk to the Board, and Division.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-67) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990)

§ 150.047 PAYMENT OF FEES.

Prior to the issuance of a permit, applicable <u>inspection permit</u> fees must be paid to the <u>Department for deposit with the County Revenue CollectorCounty</u>.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-68) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990<u>; Ord. passed 4-19-21)</u>

§ 150.048 DISPOSITION OF PERMIT ISSUED.

(A) The copy of the permit issued shall be kept on the premises for public inspection during the prosecution of the work and until completion of the same. An identification placard provided by the Department showing the permit number shall be conspicuously posted and readily visible for public inspection on the site.

(B) A record of each inspection, signed by the Inspector, shall be entered <u>into the</u> <u>County's permitting system.on the placard for public inspection.</u>

(1984 Code, § 2-4-69) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990; Ord. passed 4-19-21))

§ 150.049 EXPIRATIONS.

Pursuant to G.S. §§ 160D-1111, iIf, after the issuance of the permit, the work or use authorized by the permit is not commenced within six months from the date of issuance, or if, after commencement of work or use, the work or use is discontinued for a period of 12 months, the permit shall be deemed canceled and the work or use may not commence after this period until a new application is filed and a new permit has been issued under the permit provisions of this section.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-70) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979<u>: Ord. passed 4-19-21)</u> Penalty, see § 150.999

§ 150.050 INSPECTIONS.

(A) Notice to Division completion of work. The Division shall be notified immediately upon the completion of any state of construction, alterations or repairs for which a permit is required by the person or his or her company performing this work.

(B)—When called for. Inspections shall be called for as required by § 306-107 of the current state Administration and Enforcement RequirementsNorth Carolina Administrative Code and Policies-Code and as required to inspect the requirements of the state Technical Codes.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-71) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990<u>; Ord. passed 4-19-21)</u>

§ 150.051 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETIONCOMPLIANCE.

Upon completion of construction and prior to the occupancy of a building which has been authorized by a permit issued hereunder, the Inspector shall inspect same; and if , on the basis of prior inspections, the work appears to be in conformity with the state law and all ordinances and regulations relating thereto, a certificate of completion shall be issued showing the same.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-72) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979; Ord. passed 6-18-1990; Ord. passed 4-19-21)

§ 150.052 LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES.

This section shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility or liability of any party owning, operating, controlling or installing any electric wiring, devices, appliances or equipment for damages to person or property caused by any defect therein, nor shall the county be held as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspection authorized herein or the certificate of approval issued as herein provided.

(1984 Code, § 2-4-73) (Ord. passed 8-6-1979)

Statutory reference:

Electrical materials, devices, appliances and equipment, see G.S. §§ 66-23 et seq.

§150.999 PENALTY.

(A) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the penalty or penalties prescribed in the state statutes or any regulations promulgated thereto by the state or county pertaining to the specific section or sections violated. (1984 Code, § 2-4-18)

(B) Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to all the applicable punishment, penalties and equitable relief provided for by G.S. § 153A-123. (1984 Code, § 2-4-87)

Statutory references:

- Enforcement of building code insulation and energy utilization standards, see G.S. §§ 143-151.26 et seq.