

UPDATE ON NEW NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE EFFECTIVE DATES

North Carolina General Assembly Session Law 2024-57, enacted December 11, 2024, delays the effective date of the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code until July 1, 2025 (*see partial excerpt at bottom of page*).

All examinations pertaining to licenses issued by the State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors that are based on the North Carolina State Building Code will use the 2018 Editions of the Codes through June 30, 2025.

Effective July 1, 2025, all persons taking the plumbing, heating, and fuel gas piping examinations will be required to use the 2024 Editions of the Codes as indicated on the Book Reference List:

- Administration Code & Policies
- Plumbing Code
- Fuel Gas Code
- Mechanical Code
- Energy Conservation Code
- Residential Code

Effective July 1, 2025, all persons taking the fire sprinkler examinations will be required to the following editions will be used as references beginning July 1, 2025.

- Residential Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor: NFPA 13D – Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes – 2019 Edition
- Fire Sprinkler Inspection Technician: NFPA 25 – Standard for Inspection, Texting & Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems – 2023 Edition

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AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I. DISASTER RELIEF

SUBPART I-F. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

DELAY 2024 NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE EFFECTIVE DATE SECTION

1F.3.(a) Definitions. – For purposes of this section, "2024 North Carolina State Building Code" means the North Carolina State Building Code collection, and amendments to the Code, as adopted by the Council, effective January 1, 2025. As used in this section, "Council" means the Building Code Council. On or after January 1, 2025, "Council" means the Building Code Council and Residential Code Council.

SECTION 1F.3.(b) Effective Date Delay. – Notwithstanding G.S. 143-138(d), Section 2 of S.L. 2013-118, or any rule to the contrary, the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code shall become effective July 1, 2025. Nothing in this section should be construed to abrogate the duties of the Council during this delay, including finalizing its publication, providing technical assistance, and educating the public regarding changes to the North Carolina State Building Code.

SECTION 1F.3.(c) Expiration. – This section expires July 1, 2025.