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2012 North Carolina Building Codes

The ad-hoc code committees have completed work on the North Carolina amendments to the 2009 International Codes (base code for the 2112 NC Building Codes). The proposed amendments were presented to the Building Code Council's Standing Committees for comments and editing prior to submission to the council to begin the approval process.

The timeline for the 2012 NC building code process is as follows:

Petition for Rulemaking	March 8, 2010
Public Hearing	June 7, 2010
Final Adoption	September 2010
Rules Review Commission	December 2010
ICC (for printing)	January 2011-June 2011
2012 NC Building Code Effective	June 1, 2011

The proposed North Carolina amendments for the 2012 codes can be reviewed online at http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering/engineering_home.asp.

On the STATE BUILDING CODES tab, select the BUILDING CODES—2012 EDITION—PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to review the documents.

Residential sprinklers have been proposed for townhouse construction in this North Carolina code cycle. This proposed

amendment and others went to the Building Code Council as a Petition for Rulemaking at the March 8, 2010 meeting [Note: this article was published prior to the March 8 meeting]. NCHBA is adamantly opposed to mandating residential sprinklers in one- and two-family construction. We will need the vocal support of our grass roots members at the Council's Public Hearing at the June 7, 2010 meeting and will be calling on you to support this effort.

There are also substantial changes proposed for the 2012 North Carolina Energy Code to reflect a 30 percent decrease in energy consumption for all buildings, with plans to gain a 50 percent decrease in energy consumption in the 2015 Energy Code cycle. We will need grass roots support on this proposed change as well. 🏠

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