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STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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ATTN: Bridget Herring, Chair of the North Carolina Building Code Council (NCBCC)

**RE: OSFM request for a 6 month overlap period for use of the 2018 North Carolina State Building Code and the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code (20240910 Item A-3).**

Chair Herring,

The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) requests a 6-month overlap period for the public to continue using the 2018 North Carolina State Building Code extending into 2025 given the now apparent 6-month publication delay resulting from numerous 2023/2024 North Carolina General Assembly Session Laws enacted during the NCBCC code-adoption rule-making proceedings and extensive Rules Review Commission of the NC Office of Administrative Hearings review and approval process as administered through N.C.G.S. Chapter 150B Administrative Procedures Act. The approved effective date of the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code is 1/1/25 however, a 6-month overlap period would allow for two options from 1/1/25 to 6/30/25: Use the 2018 North Carolina State Building Code in their entirety for project permits or use the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code in their entirety for project permits. Mandatory use of the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code would start on 7/1/25.

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

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The following code volumes comprise the suite of 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)
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 the 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

Both online and print copies of the 2024 North Carolina State Building Code are anticipated to be available to the public in October and November 2024. The 6-month overlap period will allow the public to obtain copies for use well in advance of the proposed mandatory effective date of 7/1/25 as well as allow the North Carolina Code Officials Qualifications Board more time to complete education materials and training for code-enforcement officials.

Thank you for your consideration of this request at the 9/10/24 NCBCC meeting and public hearings.

Sincerely,

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