

**Minutes of the North Carolina Building Code Council**  
**March 14, 2017**  
**Raleigh, NC**

All members of the North Carolina Building Code Council were present for the Council Meeting with the exception of Tony Sears and Mack Paul.

The following are summary minutes. The official minutes of this meeting are recorded on CD. Anyone desiring verbatim CDs or excerpts from these CDs should contact the Engineering Division of the NC Department of Insurance for information and reproduction costs. The next scheduled NC Building Code Council meeting will be held **Tuesday, June 13, 2017**. The location will be announced 30 days before the meeting.

Dan Tingen introduced Brian Taylor, the new Senior Deputy Commissioner of NC OSFM.

**Part A            Administrative Items**

**Item A – 1    Ethics Statement: Inquire upon conflicts of interest or appearance of conflicts of interest that exist within the Council.**

There were no actual or potential conflicts of interest noted.

**Item A – 2    Approval of Minutes of the December 13, 2016 NC Building Code Council Meeting.**

A motion to accept the December 13, 2016 meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved, as amended below.

There were 2 corrections to the December minutes discussed:

Daniel Priest clarified he was representing the NC Building Code Council, joint Building/Fire Ad-Hoc Committee, not Priest Architect, in the Item B-6 code change proposal. In later discussions, it was noted that the Committee considered this item and decided not to support. The proponent remains as Priest Architect.

Billy Hinton noted a correction to Item D-5 from the December minutes to show the existing word “doors” and its strike-through (~~doors~~) in 2-places.

**Item A – 3    Rules Review Commission Meeting Report**

Barry Gupton reported that all D-Items adopted at the December 13, 2016 BCC meeting were approved by the Rules Review Commission.

## **Item A – 4 Public Comments**

Nancy Monda, representing herself, spoke about Low Energy efficient windows, and the fire hazard they may present, based on her personal experience. She urged the Council to generate public awareness about this and also have some type of code or regulation in place to help avoid this kind of situation from happening again in the future.

### **Part B – New Petition for Rulemaking**

The following Petitions for Rulemaking have been received since the last Council meeting. The Council will vote either to deny or grant these Petitions. The Council will give no further consideration to Petitions that are denied. Petitions that are granted may proceed through the Rulemaking process. The council may send any Petition to the appropriate committee. The hearing will take place during or after the June 2017 meeting.

#### **Item B – 1 Request by Dennis Bordeaux, representing himself, to amend the 2014 NC Electrical Code, Section 555.3 as follows:**

555.3 Ground-Fault Protection. The main overcurrent protective device that feeds the marina shall have ground fault protection not exceeding 100 Ma. Ground fault protection of each individual branch or feeder circuit shall be permitted as a suitable alternative. The overcurrent protective devices that supply the marina, boatyards, and commercial docking facilities and noncommercial docking facilities shall have ground-fault protection not exceeding 30 mA.

**This Item was withdrawn by the proponent.**

#### **Item B – 2 Request by Dennis Bordeaux, representing himself, to amend the 2014 NC Electrical Code, Section 555.24 as follows:**

555.24 Signage. Permanent safety signs shall be installed to give notice of electrical shock hazard risks to persons using or swimming near a boat dock or marina and shall comply with all of the following:

1. The signage shall comply with 110.21(B)(1) and be of sufficient durability to withstand the environment.
2. The signs shall be clearly visible from all approaches to a marina or boatyard facility.
3. The signs shall state “WARNING – POTENTIAL SHOCK HAZARD – ELECTRICAL CURRENTS MAY BE PRESENT IN THE WATER.”

**This Item was withdrawn by the proponent.**

#### **Item B – 3 Request by Pat Griffith Rose, representing NC Ellis Cannady Chapter of the IAEI, to amend the 2014 NC Electrical Code, Section 300.3 (B) (5) as follows:**

### **300.3 Conductors**

**(B) Conductors of the Same Circuit.** All conductors of the same circuit and, where used, the grounded conductor and all equipment grounding conductors and bonding conductors shall be contained within the same raceway, auxiliary gutter, cable tray, cablebus assembly, trench, cable, or cord, unless otherwise permitted in accordance with

300.3(B) (1) through (B) (4).

**(1) Paralleled Installations.** Conductors shall be permitted to be run in parallel in accordance with the provisions of 310.10(H). The requirement to run all circuit conductors within the same raceway, auxiliary gutter, cable tray, trench, cable, or cord shall apply separately to each portion of the paralleled installation, and the equipment grounding conductors shall comply with the provisions of 250.122. Parallel runs in cable tray shall comply with the provisions of 392.20(C).

*Exception: Conductors installed in nonmetallic raceways run underground shall be permitted to be arranged as isolated phase installations. The raceways shall be installed in close proximity, and the conductors shall comply with the provisions of 300.20(B).*

**(2) Grounding and Bonding Conductors.** Equipment grounding conductors shall be permitted to be installed outside a raceway or cable assembly where in accordance with the provisions of 250.130(C) for certain existing installations or in accordance with 250.134(B), Exception No. 2, for dc circuits. Equipment bonding conductors shall be permitted to be installed on the outside of raceways in accordance with 250.102(E).

**(3) Nonferrous Wiring Methods.** Conductors in wiring methods with a nonmetallic or other nonmagnetic sheath, where run in different raceways, auxiliary gutters, cable trays, trenches, cables, or cords, shall comply with the provisions of

300.20(B). Conductors in single-conductor Type MI cable with a nonmagnetic sheath shall comply with the provisions of

332.31. Conductors of single-conductor Type MC cable with a nonmagnetic sheath shall comply with the provisions of

330.31, 330.116, and 300.20(B).

**(4) Enclosures.** Where an auxiliary gutter runs between a column-width panelboard and a pull box, and the pull box includes neutral terminations, the neutral conductors of circuits supplied from the panelboard shall be permitted to originate in the pull box.

**(5) Existing Dwelling Panelboards.** An equipment grounding conductor for an existing one-and two-family dwelling shall be permitted to be installed separately and outside of the raceway or cable assembly where all the following conditions apply:

(a) When relocating or installing an additional service disconnecting means;

(b) Enacting 300.3(B)(5)(a) redefines the existing service entrance conductors as a feeder in Article 100; and

(c) Replacement of the existing service entrance conductors requires the removal of the building finish or deemed impractical by the AHJ.

### **Residential Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Residential Super Committee.

**Motion/Second/Approved** – The request was granted.

**Item B – 4 Request from Pat Griffith Rose, representing NC Ellis Cannady Chapter of the IAEI, to amend the 2014 NC Electrical Code, Section 250.140. Exceptions 1 & 2 as follows:**

**250.140 Frames of Ranges and Clothes Dryers.** Frames of electric ranges, wall-mounted ovens, counter-mounted cooking units, clothes dryers, and outlet or junction boxes that are part of the circuit for these appliances shall be connected to the equipment grounding conductor in the manner specified by 250.134 or 250.138.

*Exception No. 1: For existing branch-circuit installations only where an equipment grounding conductor is not present in the outlet or junction box, the frames of electric ranges, wall-mounted ovens, counter mounted cooking units, clothes dryers, and outlet or junction boxes that are part of the circuit for these appliances shall be permitted to be connected to the grounded circuit conductor if all the following conditions are met.*

- (1) The supply circuit is 120/240-volt, single phase, 3 wire; or 208Y / 120-volt derived from a 3-phase, 4 wire, wye-connected system.*
- (2) The grounded conductor is not smaller than 10 AWG copper or 8 AWG aluminum.*
- (3) Any of the following:*
  - a) The grounded conductor is insulated;*
  - b) The grounded conductor is uninsulated and part of a Type SE service-entrance cable and the branch circuit originates at the service.*
  - c) The grounded conductor is uninsulated and part of a cable assembly and all current-carrying conductors are protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter at the origination of the branch circuit; or*
  - d) A new 3-wire cable assembly not smaller than the existing conductors shall be permitted to be extended from the service to an enclosure where the existing conductors shall be spliced together and provisions are made so that the grounded conductors are insulated by tape, heat-shrink or other approved means inside the enclosure.*
- (4) Grounding contacts of receptacles furnished as part of the equipment are bonded to the equipment.*

*Exception No. 2: For existing branch-circuit installations only where an equipment grounding conductor is not present in the outlet or junction box, an equipment grounding conductor sized in accordance with 250.122 shall be permitted to be run separately from the circuit conductors.*

**Residential Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Residential Super Committee.

**Motion/Second/Approved** – The request was granted.

**Item B - 5 Request from Pat Griffith Rose, representing NC Ellis Cannady Chapter of the IAEE, to amend the 2014 NC Electrical Code, Section 250.142 (B) as follows:**

**250.142 Use of Grounded Circuit Conductor for Grounding Equipment.**

**(B) Load-Site Equipment.** Except as permitted in 250.30(A)(1) and 250.32(B) Exception, a grounded circuit conductor shall not be used for grounding non-current carrying metal parts of equipment on the load side of the service disconnecting means or on the load side of a separately derived system disconnecting means or the overcurrent devices for a separately derived system not having a main disconnecting means.

*Exception No. 1: The frames of ranges, wall-mounted ovens, counter-mounted cooking units, and clothes dryers under the conditions permitted for existing installations by 250.140 shall be permitted to be connected to the grounded circuit conductor.*

*Exception No. 2: It shall be permissible to ground meter enclosures by connection to the grounded circuit conductor on the load side of the service disconnect where all of the following conditions apply:*

*(1) No service ground-fault protection is installed.*

*(2) All meter enclosures are located immediately adjacent to the service disconnecting means.*

*(3) The size of the grounded circuit conductor is not smaller than the size specified in Table 250.122 for equipment grounding conductors.*

*Exception No. 3: Direct-current systems shall be permitted to be grounded on the load side of the disconnecting means or overcurrent device in accordance with 250.164.*

*Exception No. 4: Electrode-type boilers operating at over 1000 volts shall be grounded as required in 490.72(E)(1) and 490.74.*

Exception No. 5: It shall be permissible to ground an existing panelboard enclosure by connection to the grounded circuit conductor for a one- and two-family dwelling where all the following conditions apply:

1. When relocating or installing an additional main disconnecting means;
2. Enacting 250.142(B) Exception No. 5: (1) redefines the existing service entrance conductors as a feeder in Article 100;
3. An equipment grounding conductor in the existing panelboard is not present;
4. Replacement of the existing service entrance conductors requires either the removal of the building finish or deemed impractical by the AHJ.
5. All grounding electrode conductors are removed completely from the existing panelboard; and
6. The grounded conductors are insulated by tape, heat-shrink, or other approved means except where covered by the sheathing of a cable assembly or as needed for joints, splices, and termination purposes.

**Residential Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Residential Super Committee.

**Motion/Second/Approved** – The request was granted.

**Item B – 6 Request from Eric Lacey, representing Responsible Energy Codes Alliance (RECA), to amend the 2012 NC Energy Conservation Code, Section R406.4 as follows:**

**R406.4 ERI-based compliance.**

Compliance based on an ERI analysis requires that the *rated design* be shown to have an ERI less than or equal to the appropriate value listed in Table R406.4.1 or Table R406.4.2 when compared to the *ERI reference design*.

TABLE R406.4.1 MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX ~~without calculation of on-site renewable energy~~

Climate Zone	ENERGY RATING INDEX <sup>a</sup> Jan 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2022	Jan 1, 2023 and forward
3	57 65	61
4	62 67	63
5	61 67	63

TABLE R406.4.2 MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX ~~including calculation of on-site renewable energy~~

Climate Zone	Jan 1, 2019 – Dec	Jan 1, 2023 and
3	51	47
4	54	50
5	55	51

a. When on-site renewable energy is included for compliance using the ERI analysis per Section R406.4, the building shall meet the mandatory requirements with section R406.4 and the building thermal envelope shall be greater than or equal to levels of efficiency and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient in Table R406.4.1.1 or Table R406.4.1.2 of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code.

**Table R406.4.1.1: Maximum SHGC, Fenestration and Insulation by Component When On-Site Power is Used**

CLIMATE ZONE	Maximum SHGC	Maximum U-Factors		Minimum R-Values						
	GLAZED FENESTRATION	FENESTRATION	SKYLIGHT	CEILING R-Value	WOOD FRAME WALL R-Value	MASS WALL R-Value	FLOOR R-Value	BASEMENT WALL R-Value	SLAB R-VALUE & DEPTH	CRAWL SPACE WALL R-Value

3	0.25	0.35	0.55	38	20 or 13+5	8/13	19	5/13	0	5/13
4	0.40	0.35	0.55	49	20 or 13+5	8/13	19	10/13	10.2 ft.	10/13
5	NR	0.32	0.55	49	20 or 13+5	13/17	30	15/19	10.2ft	15/19

**Table R406.4.1.2: Maximum SHGC and U-factors When On-Site Power is Used**

CLIMATE ZONE	Maximum SHGC			Maximum U-Factors					
	GLAZED FENESTRATION	FENESTRATION	SKYLIGHT	CEILING	WOOD FRAME WALL	MASS WALL	FLOOR	BASEMENT WALL	CRAWL SPACE WALL
3	0.25	0.35	0.55	0.030	0.060	0.098	0.047	0.091	0.136
4	0.40	0.35	0.55	0.026	0.060	0.098	0.047	0.059	0.065
5	NR	0.32	0.55	0.026	0.060	0.082	0.033	0.050	0.055

### **Residential Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Residential Super Committee.

### **Building Code Council**

**Motion / Second / Denied** – The request was denied.

### **Item B – 7 Request from Robert D. Richardson, representing Professional Trade Manufacturing, LLC, to amend the 2012 (2018?) NC Plumbing Code, Section 305.6 as follows:**

305.6 FREEZING. The top of water pipes, installed below grade outside the building, shall be below the frost line or a minimum of 12 inches (305mm) below finished grade, whichever is greater. Water pipes installed in a wall exposed to the exterior shall be located on the heated side of the wall insulation. Water piping components and appurtenances installed in an unconditioned attic or unconditioned utility room or unconditioned garage or crawl space shall have insulation with a minimum R-factor of 6.5 determined at 75 degrees F (24 C) in accordance with ASTM C-177.

### **Commercial Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Commercial Super Committee.

### **Residential Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Residential Super Committee.

**Motion/Second/Approved** – The request was granted.

### **Item B – 8 Request from Terry Cromer, representing NC Association of Electrical Contractors, to amend the 2014 NC Electrical Code, Article 250.53(A)(2) Supplemental Electrode Required as follows:**

#### **(2) Supplemental Electrode Required.**

*Exception No. 1: If a single rod, pipe, or plate grounding electrode has a resistance to earth of 25 ohms or less, the supplemental electrode shall not be required.*

*Exception No. 2: The supplemental ground electrode shall not be required at temporary electrical service installation (saw service pole) at a construction site ~~for one and two family residences, provided the temporary electrical service does not exceed 150 volts to ground or 100A.~~ provided all ungrounded circuits do not exceed 150 volts to ground, and the rating of the single disconnecting means or the summation of the ratings of multiple overcurrent devices that serve together as the disconnecting means, does not exceed 100 amperes.*

### **Commercial Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Commercial Super Committee.

### **Residential Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Residential Super Committee.

**Motion/Second/Approved** – The request was granted.

### **Item B – 9 Request from Terry Cromer, representing NC Association of Electrical Contractors, to amend the 2014 NC Electrical Code, Article 300.9 Raceways in Wet Locations Above Grade as follows:**

#### **300.9 Raceways in Wet Locations Above Grade.**

Where raceways are in wet locations above grade, the interior of these raceways shall be considered to be a wet location. Insulated conductors and cables installed in raceway in wet locations above grade shall comply with 310.10(C).

**Exception:** The raceway shall not be considered a wet location if:

(1) The section of raceway routed in a wet location above grade does not exceed ~~1500 mm (5 ft)~~

1.8 m (6 ft) in length;

(2) Any fittings or conduit bodies are watertight and listed for use in wet locations; and

~~(3) Raceway is open at its termination point in a dry location.~~

(3) All termination points of the raceway are only open in any of the following:

a. a dry location;

b. equipment suitable for outdoor use

c. equipment listed for use in a wet location.

### **Commercial Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Commercial Super Committee.

### **Residential Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Residential Super Committee.

**Motion/Second/Approved** – The request was granted.

### **Item B – 10 Request from Ryan Miller, representing NC Building Performance Association, to amend the 2018 NC Energy Conservation Code, Section N1103.3.3 Duct Leakage (and Appendix 3C companion changes):**

### **Commercial Super Committee**



There were no objections by the Commercial Super Committee.

**Residential Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Residential Super Committee.

**Building Code Council**

**Motion / Second / Denied** – The request was denied.

**Item B – 11 Request from Ryan Miller, representing NC Building Performance Association, to amend the 2018 NC Residential Code, Section R403.3.3 Duct Leakage (and Appendix E-3C companion changes):**

**Commercial Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Commercial Super Committee.

**Residential Super Committee**

There were no objections by the Residential Super Committee.

**Building Code Council**

**Motion / Second / Denied** – The request was denied.

## **Part C – Notice of Rulemaking Proceedings and Public Hearing**

The following Petitions for Rulemaking have been granted by the Council. Notice of Rulemaking proceedings has been made. The Public Hearing was held March 14, 2017 and the Final Adoption meeting may take place on or after June 13, 2017. The written public comment period expires on April 17, 2017.

### **Item C-1 Request by the NC Building Code Council, Ad-Hoc Committees, to adopt the 2018 North Carolina State Building Codes. The Base Documents for the 2018 NC Codes are the 2015 International Codes. The 2018 NC Ad-Hoc Committee amendments will be posted at the link below and are replacements to the Sections printed in the Base Documents.**

Kurt Lents, Alamance Iron Works (NOMA), Mike Workman, Burlington Miscellaneous Metals (NOMA), and Robert Privott, NC Home Builders Association, are against the guard opening amendment.

Jonathan Leonard, NC Fire Code Revision Committee, supports the Building/Fire Committee proposed amendments.

#### **Item C-1.1 North Carolina State Building Code, Volume – 2018 Building Code**

There were no comments on this item.

#### **Item C-1.2 North Carolina State Building Code, Volume - 2018 Energy Conservation Code, including Residential Energy**

Robert Privott, NC Home Builders Association, commented on table values.

Jeff Mang, PIMA, commented on roof insulation amendments.

Ben Edwards and Bridget Herring, Mathis Consulting, commented on minimal advances, NC specific ResCheck availability and onsite tradeoffs.

Eric Lacey, Responsible Energy Code Alliance, commented on weakened NC Commercial and Residential amendments.

Lauren Westmorland, Responsible Energy Code Alliance, commented on 80+ NC reductions for a slight decrease in cost.

David Neal, Southern Environmental Law Center, commented that the amendments do not go far enough for energy conservation.

Alfred Ripley, NC Justice Center, commented on the amendment effects on low income and poverty.

Curt Hurd, NCBPA, commented on ERI verification.

Billy Hinton, NCDOT, commented on cleanup, clarification and correlation concerns.

**Item C – 1.3 North Carolina State Building Code, Volume – 2018 Existing Building Code**

There were no comments on this item.

**Item C – 1.4 North Carolina State Building Code, Volume – 2018 Fire Prevention Code**

There were no comments on this item.

**Item C – 1.5 North Carolina State Building Code, Volume – 2018 Fuel Gas Code**

There were no comments on this item.

**Item C – 1.6 North Carolina State Building Code, Volume – 2018 Mechanical Code**

There were no comments on this item.

**Item C – 1.7 North Carolina State Building Code, Volume – 2018 Plumbing Code**

There were no comments on this item.

**Item C – 1.8 North Carolina State Building Code, Volume – 2018 Residential Code**

Robert Privott, NC Home Builders Association, commented on B&B home definition.

Jonathan Westcott, FEMA, commented flood elevation and freeboard.

John Woestman, CLMA, commented on composite lumber, guards and decks.

**Item C - 2 Additional individual requests to further amend the 2018 North Carolina Energy Conservation Code**

**Item C – 2.1 Request from Ryan Miller, representing North Carolina Building Performance Association, to revise the 2018 NC Energy Conservation Code, Section 403.3.3 Duct Leakage (Perspective and duct testing (Mandatory)).**

**403.3.3 Duct leakage (Perspective) and duct testing (Mandatory).** Duct testing and duct leakage shall be verified by compliance with either Section 403.3.3.1 or 403.3.3.2. Duct testing shall be performed and reported by the permit holder, a NC licensed general contractor, a NC licensed HVAC contractor, a NC licensed Home Inspector, a registered design professional, a certified BPI Envelope Professional or a certified HERS rater. A single point depressurization, not temperature corrected, test is sufficient to comply with this provision, provided that the duct testing fan assembly(s) has been certified by the manufacturer to be capable of conducting tests in accordance with ASTM E1554-07.

The duct leakage information, including duct leakage test selected and result, tester name, date and contact information, shall be included on the certificate described in Section 401.3.

For the Test Criteria, the report shall be produced in the following manner: perform the HVAC system air leakage test and record the CFM25. Calculate the total square

feet of Conditioned Floor Area (CFA) served by that system. Multiply CFM25 by 100, divide the result by the CFA and record the result. If the result is less than or equal to 5 CFM25/100SF for the “Total duct leakage test or less than or equal to 4CFM25/100SF for the “Duct leakage to the outside” test, then the HVAC system air tightness is acceptable. Appendix 3C contains optional sample worksheets for duct testing for the permit holder’s use only.

Exceptions to testing requirements:

1. Duct systems or portions thereof inside the building thermal envelope shall not be required to be leak tested.
2. Installation of a partial system as part of replacement, renovation or addition does not require a duct leakage test.
3. Duct systems (complete) serving areas of 750 sq. ft. or less shall not need to be required to be leak tested.

Billy Hinton, NCDOT, commented on correlation concerns.

Jeff Tiller, ASU, commented that he will offer a new B-Item.

Robert Privott, NC Home Builders Association, commented in favor of the amendment.

**Item C – 2.2 Request from Bridget Herring, representing Mathis Consulting Company, to revise the 2018 NC Energy Conservation Code, Section C402.**

Modify existing section, as follows:

**C402.2.2 Roof assembly.** The minimum thermal resistance (R-value) of the insulating material installed either between the roof framing or continuously on the roof assembly shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3, based on construction materials used in the roof assembly. Skylight curbs shall be insulated to the level of roofs with insulation entirely above deck or R-5, whichever is less.

~~Exceptions~~ Exception:

- ~~1. Continuously insulated roof assemblies where the thickness of insulation varies 1 inch (25 mm) or less and where the area-weighted U-factor is equivalent to the same assembly with the R-value specified in Table C402.1.3.~~

- ~~2. Where tapered insulation is used with insulation entirely above deck, the R-value where the insulation thickness varies 1 inch (25 mm) or less from the minimum thickness of tapered insulation shall comply with the R-value specified in Table C402.1.3.~~
- ~~3. Unit skylight curbs included as a component of a skylight listed and labeled in accordance with NFRC 100 shall not be required to be insulated.~~

Add new section, as follows:

**C402.2.2.1 Determination of R-value for above deck tapered insulation.** Where continuous above deck tapered roof insulation is used, the R-value specified in Table C402.1.3 shall be determined based on an area-weighted average.

Bridget Herring, Mathis Consulting, requested to withdraw this item.

**Item C – 2.3 Request from Chuck Perry, representing Appalachian State University, to revise the 2018 NC Energy Conservation Code, Section R406 Energy Rating Index Compliance Alternative.**

**SECTION R406  
ENERGY RATING INDEX COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVE**

**R406.1 Scope.** This section establishes criteria for compliance using an Energy Rating Index (ERI) analysis.

**R406.2 Mandatory requirements.**

Compliance with this section requires that the mandatory provisions identified in Sections ~~R401.2~~ R401 through R404 labeled as “mandatory” and ~~Section R403.5.3~~ be met. The building .2 thermal envelope shall be greater than or equal to levels of efficiency and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient in Table 402.1.1 or 402.1.3 of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code ~~2012 NC Energy Conservation Code~~. Minimum standards associated with compliance shall be the ANSI RESNET ICC Standard 301-2014 “Standard for the Calculation and Labeling of the Energy Performance of Low-Rise Residential Buildings using an Energy Rating Index.” A North Carolina licensed design professional **or RESNET Certified Home Energy Rater** is required to perform the analysis if required by North Carolina licensure laws.

**Exception:** ~~Supply and return ducts not completely inside the building thermal envelope shall be insulated to a minimum of R-6.~~ Supply and return ducts in unconditioned space and outdoors shall be insulated to a minimum R-8. Supply ducts inside semi-conditioned space shall be insulated to a minimum R-4; return ducts inside conditioned and semi-conditioned space are not required to be insulated. Ducts located inside conditioned space are not required to be insulated other than as may be necessary for preventing the formation of condensation on the exterior of cooling ducts.

**R406.3 Energy Rating Index.**

The Energy Rating Index (ERI) shall be a numerical integer value that is based on a linear scale constructed such that the *ERI reference design* has an Index value of 100 and a *residential building* that uses no net purchased energy has an Index value of 0. Each integer value on the scale shall represent a 1-percent change in the total energy use of the rated design relative to the total energy use of the *ERI reference design*. The ERI shall consider all energy used in the *residential building*.

**R406.3.1 ERI reference design.**

The *ERI reference design* shall be configured such that it meets the minimum requirements of the 2006 *International Energy Conservation Code* prescriptive requirements.

The proposed *residential building* shall be shown to have an annual total normalized modified load less than or equal to the annual total loads of the *ERI reference design*.

**R406.4 ERI-based compliance.**

Compliance based on an ERI analysis requires that the *rated design* be shown to have an ERI less than or equal to the appropriate value listed in Table R406.4.1 or Table R406.4.2 when compared to the *ERI reference design*.

TABLE R406.4  
MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX

CLIMATE ZONE	ENERGY RATING INDEX
1	52
2	52
3	54
4	54
5	55
6	54
7	53
8	53

TABLE R406.4.1 MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX without calculation of on-site renewable energy

<u>Climate Zone</u>	<u>Jan 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2022</u>	<u>Jan 1, 2023 and forward</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>61</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>63</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>63</u>

TABLE R406.4.2 MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX including calculation of on-site renewable energy

<u>Climate Zone</u>	<u>Jan 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2022</u>	<u>Jan 1, 2023 and forward</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>47</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>51</u>

**R406.5 Verification by approved agency.**

Verification of compliance with Section R406 shall be performed by the licensed design professional **or RESNET Certified Home Energy Rater** and the compliance documentation shall be provided to the code official. The code official shall inspect according to the requirements of Section R406.6.2 ~~completed by an approved third party.~~

**R406.6 Documentation.**

Documentation of the software used to determine the ERI and the parameters for the residential building shall be in accordance with Sections R406.6.1 through R406.6.3.

**R406.6.1 Compliance software tools.**

~~Documentation verifying that the methods and accuracy of the compliance software tools conform to the provisions of this section shall be provided to the code official.~~ Compliance software tools for this section shall be in compliance with ANSI RESNET ICC Standard 301-2014.

**R406.6.2 Compliance report.**

Compliance software tools shall generate a report that documents that the ERI of the *rated design* complies with Sections R406.3 and R406.4. The compliance documentation shall include the following information:

1. Address or other identification of the residential building.
2. An inspection checklist documenting the building component characteristics of the *rated design*. The inspection checklist shall show results for both the *ERI reference design* and the *rated design*, and shall document all inputs entered by the user necessary to reproduce the results.
3. Name of individual completing the compliance report.
4. Name and version of the compliance software tool.

**Exception:** ~~Multiple orientations. Where an otherwise identical building model is offered in multiple orientations, compliance for any orientation shall be permitted by documenting that the building meets the performance requirements in each of the four (north, east, south and west) cardinal orientations.~~

### **R406.6.3 Additional documentation.**

~~Deleted.~~ The *code official* shall be permitted to require the following documents:

- ~~1. Documentation of the building component characteristics of the *ERI reference design*.~~
- ~~2. A certification signed by the builder providing the building component characteristics of the *rated design*.~~
- ~~3. Documentation of the actual values used in the software calculations for the *rated design*.~~

**R406.7 Calculation software tools.** Calculation software, where used, shall be in accordance with Sections R406.7.1 through R406.7.3.

#### **R406.7.1 Minimum capabilities.**

Calculation procedures used to comply with this section shall be software tools capable of calculating the ERI as described in Section R406.3, and shall be in compliance with ANSI RESNET ICC Standard 301-2014 and shall include the following capabilities. ~~The software shall include the following capabilities:~~

1. Computer generation of the *ERI reference design* using only the input for the *rated design*.

The calculation procedure shall not allow the user to directly modify the building component characteristics of the *ERI reference design*.

2. Calculation of whole building, as a single *zone*, sizing for the heating and cooling equipment in the *ERI reference design* residence in accordance with Section R403.7.
3. Calculations that account for the effects of indoor and outdoor temperatures and part-load ratios on the performance of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning equipment based on climate and equipment sizing.
4. Printed *code official* inspection checklist listing each of the *rated design* component characteristics determined by the analysis to provide compliance, along with their respective performance ratings.

#### **R406.7.2 Specific approval.**

~~Deleted.~~ Performance analysis tools meeting the applicable sections of Section R406 shall be *approved*. Tools are permitted to be *approved* based on meeting a specified threshold for a jurisdiction. The *code official* shall approve tools for a specified application or limited scope.

#### **R406.7.3 Input values.**

~~Deleted.~~ When calculations require input values not specified by Sections R402, R403, R404 and R405, those input values shall be taken from an approved source.



Chuck Perry, ASU, presented an NCBELS letter concerning ERI certification.

**Item C – 2.4 Request from Chuck Perry, representing Appalachian State University, to revise the 2018 NC Energy Conservation Code, Section N1106 Energy Rating Index Compliance Alternative.**

**SECTION N1106  
ENERGY RATING INDEX COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVE**

**N1106.1 Scope.** This section establishes criteria for compliance using an Energy Rating Index (ERI) analysis.

**N1106.2 Mandatory requirements.**

Compliance with this section requires that the mandatory provisions identified in Sections ~~N1101.2 N1101 through N1104~~ labeled as “mandatory” and ~~Section N1103.5.3~~ be met. The building thermal envelope shall be greater than or equal to levels of efficiency and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient in Table 1102.1.1 or 1102.1.3 of the ~~2009 International Energy Conservation Code~~ 2012 NC Energy Conservation Code. Minimum standards associated with compliance shall be the ANSI RESNET ICC Standard 301-2014 “Standard for the Calculation and Labeling of the Energy Performance of Low-Rise Residential Buildings using an Energy Rating Index.” A North Carolina licensed design professional **or RESNET Certified Home Energy Rater** is required to perform the analysis if required by North Carolina licensure laws.

**Exception:** ~~Supply and return ducts not completely inside the building thermal envelope shall be insulated to a minimum of R-6. Supply and return ducts in unconditioned space and outdoors shall be insulated to a minimum R-8. Supply ducts inside semi-conditioned space shall be insulated to a minimum R-4; return ducts inside conditioned and semi-conditioned space are not required to be insulated. Ducts located inside conditioned space are not required to be insulated other than as may be necessary for preventing the formation of condensation on the exterior of cooling ducts.~~

**N1106.3 Energy Rating Index.**

The Energy Rating Index (ERI) shall be a numerical integer value that is based on a linear scale constructed such that the *ERI reference design* has an Index value of 100 and a *residential building* that uses no net purchased energy has an Index value of 0. Each integer value on the scale shall represent a 1-percent change in the total energy use of the rated design relative to the total energy use of the *ERI reference design*. The ERI shall consider all energy used in the *residential building*.

**N1106.3.1 ERI reference design.**

The *ERI reference design* shall be configured such that it meets the minimum requirements of the 2006 *International Energy Conservation Code* prescriptive requirements.

The proposed *residential building* shall be shown to have an annual total normalized modified load less than or equal to the annual total loads of the *ERI reference design*.

**N1106.4 ERI-based compliance.**

Compliance based on an ERI analysis requires that the *rated design* be shown to have an ERI less than or equal to the appropriate value listed in Table N1106.4.1 or Table N1106.4.2 when compared to the *ERI reference design*.

TABLE N1106.4  
MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX

CLIMATE ZONE	ENERGY RATING INDEX
1	52
2	52
3	51
4	54
5	55
6	54
7	53
8	53

TABLE N1106.4.1 MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX without calculation of on-site renewable energy.

<u>Climate Zone</u>	<u>Jan 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2022</u>	<u>Jan 1, 2023 and forward</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>61</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>63</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>63</u>

TABLE N1106.4.2 MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX including calculation of on-site renewable energy

<u>Climate Zone</u>	<u>Jan 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2022</u>	<u>Jan 1, 2023 and forward</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>47</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>51</u>

### **N1106.5 Verification by approved agency.**

Verification of compliance with Section N1106 shall be performed by the licensed design professional **or RESNET Certified Home Energy Rater** and the compliance documentation shall be provided to the code official. The code official shall inspect according to the requirements of Section N1106.6.2 completed by an approved third party.

### **N1106.6 Documentation.**

Documentation of the software used to determine the ERI and the parameters for the residential building shall be in accordance with Sections N1106.6.1 through N1106.6.3.

#### **N1106.6.1 Compliance software tools.**

~~Documentation verifying that the methods and accuracy of the compliance software tools conform to the provisions of this section shall be provided to the code official.~~ Compliance software tools for this section shall be in compliance with ANSI RESNET ICC Standard 301-2014.

**N1106.6.2 Compliance report.** Compliance software tools shall generate a report that documents that the ERI of the *rated design* complies with Sections N1106.3 and N1106.4. The compliance documentation shall include the following information:

1. Address or other identification of the residential building.
2. An inspection checklist documenting the building component characteristics of the *rated design*. The inspection checklist shall show results for both the *ERI reference design* and the *rated design*, and shall document all inputs entered by the user necessary to reproduce the results.
3. Name of individual completing the compliance report.
4. Name and version of the compliance software tool.

**Exception:** ~~Multiple orientations. Where an otherwise identical building model is offered in multiple orientations, compliance for any orientation shall be permitted by documenting that the building meets the performance requirements in each of the four (north, east, south and west) cardinal orientations.~~

#### **N1106.6.3 Additional documentation.**

~~Deleted. The code official shall be permitted to require the following documents:~~

- ~~1. Documentation of the building component characteristics of the *ERI reference design*.~~
- ~~2. A certification signed by the builder providing the building component characteristics of the *rated design*.~~

~~3. Documentation of the actual values used in the software calculations for the *rated design*.~~

**N1106.7 Calculation software tools.** Calculation software, where used, shall be in accordance with Sections N1106.7.1 through N1106.7.3.

**N1106.7.1 Minimum capabilities.**

Calculation procedures used to comply with this section shall be software tools capable of calculating the ERI as described in Section N1106.3, and shall be in compliance with ANSI RESNET ICC Standard 301-2014 ~~and shall include the following capabilities. The software shall include the following capabilities:~~

1. Computer generation of the *ERI reference design* using only the input for the *rated design*.

The calculation procedure shall not allow the user to directly modify the building component characteristics of the *ERI reference design*.

2. Calculation of whole building, as a single *zone*, sizing for the heating and cooling equipment in the *ERI reference design* residence in accordance with Section N1103.7.
3. Calculations that account for the effects of indoor and outdoor temperatures and part-load ratios on the performance of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning equipment based on climate and equipment sizing.
4. Printed *code official* inspection checklist listing each of the *rated design* component characteristics determined by the analysis to provide compliance, along with their respective performance ratings.

**N1106.7.2 Specific approval.**

~~Deleted. Performance analysis tools meeting the applicable sections of Section N1106 shall be approved. Tools are permitted to be approved based on meeting a specified threshold for a jurisdiction. The *code official* shall approve tools for a specified application or limited scope.~~

**N1106.7.3 Input values.**

~~Deleted. When calculations require input values not specified by Sections N1102, N1103, N1104 and N1105, those input values shall be taken from an approved source.~~

Chuck Perry, ASU, presented an NCBELS letter concerning ERI certification.

**Note:** The BCC met on January 18, 2017 at the OSFM, and some by call-in, to reconsider December Item B 3.13 (C 2.4). The contents of this item are the same as December B 3.12 (C 2.3). Item B 3.12 (C 2.3) was granted, but 3.13 (C 2.4) was originally denied.

**Item C – 3 Request from Dave Crawford, representing AIA-North Carolina, to revise the 2018 NC Building Code, Section 2902.1.2, and the 2018 NC Plumbing Code, Section 403.1 and Section 403.2 Separate Facilities**

**Part 1: Code Change Proposal**

**2018 NC Building Code**

**Section 2902.1.2:** delete the words “in assembly and mercantile occupancies”. Add the words "in all occupancies noted in Table 2902.1"

**2018 NC Plumbing Code**

**Section 403.1:** add the following new section

403.1.1 Single-occupancy toilet facility and bathing room fixtures. The plumbing fixtures located in single- occupancy toilet facilities and bathing rooms, including family or assisted-use toilet and bathing rooms that are required by Section 1109.2.1 of the North Carolina Building Code, and including all occupancies noted in Table 403.1, shall contribute towards the total number of required plumbing fixtures for a building or tenant space.

**Section 403.2 Separate facilities:** add the following  
Exceptions:

5. Except as provided in Section 403.2.1.

403.2.1. Single- occupancy toilet facilities and bathing rooms, and family or assisted- use toilet and bathing rooms shall not be required to be identified by gender.

There were no comments on this item.

**Item C – 4 Request from Terry Cromer, representing NC Association of Electrical Contractors, to amend the 2014 NC Electrical Code, Section 680.21(C)(1) Pool Pump Motor Replacement as follows:**

**680.21(C)(1) Pool Pump Motor Replacement.** Whenever a pool pump motor requires replacing and the existing branch circuit or receptacle, providing power to the pump motor, does not provide ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel the branch circuit or receptacle shall be updated to provide ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

Terry Cromer spoke in favor of this amendment.

**Item C – 5 Request from Daniel Priest, representing Priest Architecture, PLLC, to amend Section 901.1 from the 2018 NC Fire Prevention Code, as follows:**

~~**901.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall specify where fire protection systems are required and shall apply to the design, installation, inspection, operation, testing and maintenance of all *fire protection systems*.~~

**901.1 Scope.** The provisions of the International Building Code shall specify where *fire protection systems* are required and shall apply to the design, installation, inspection, operation, testing of all fire protection systems. Fire protection systems shall be repaired, operated and maintained in accordance to the *International Fire Code*.

Tim Bradley, NCSFA; Charlie Johnson, NCFMA; Mark Matheny, NCBA; Jon Leonard, Charlotte FD; Alton Wilson, New Bern; and Don Sheffield, Greensboro, spoke in opposition to this amendment.

Daniel Priest commented that this amendment was not supported by the joint Committee.

**Item C – 6 Request from Robbie Davis, representing the NC Building Code Council Building/Fire Ad-Hoc Committees, to amend the 2018 NC Building Code, Section [A] 101.2 Scope, as follows:**

**[A] 101.2 Scope.** The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, *alteration*, relocation, enlargement, replacement, *repair*, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures.

Exceptions: If any of the following apply the building or structure is exempt from the provisions of this code:

1. Detached one- and two-family *dwelling*s and multiple single-family *dwelling*s (*townhouses*) not more than three *stories above grade plane* in height with a separate *means of egress*, and their accessory structures not more than three *stories above grade plane* in height, shall comply with the *International Residential Code*.

~~2. Farm *buildings* located outside of the buildings rules jurisdiction of any municipality.~~

~~**Exception:** All buildings used for sleeping purposes shall conform to the provisions of the technical codes.~~

2. *Farm buildings* not used for:

a. Sleeping purposes, or

b. Storage of hazardous materials in excess of those listed in Tables 307.1(1) and 307.1(2) within the building rules jurisdiction of any municipality.

3. The design construction, location, installation or operation of equipment for storing, handling and transporting liquefied petroleum gases for fuel purposes up to the outlet of the first stage pressure regulator, anhydrous ammonia or other liquid fertilizer.

4. The design construction, location, installation or operation of equipment or facilities of a public utility, as defined in NC G.S. 62-3, or electric or telephone membership corporation, including without limitation poles, towers and other structures supporting electric or communication lines from the distribution network up to the meter location.

**Note:** All *buildings* owned and operated by a public utility or an electric or telephone membership corporation shall meet the provisions of this code.

5. The storage and handling of hazardous chemicals as they relate to NC G.S. 95, Article 18 - Hazardous Chemicals Right to Know Act.

#### **SECTION 202 DEFINITIONS**

**FARM BUILDING.** Any building not used for sleeping purposes that is not accessed by the general public and is used primarily for a bona fide farm purpose. Bona-fide farm purposes includes but is not limited to structures or *buildings* for storage and processing of agricultural products or commodities such as: crops, fruits, vegetables, ornamental or flowering plants, dairy, timber, livestock, poultry and all other such forms of agricultural products by the specific farm on which the structure or *building* is located. Bona-fide farm purposes do not include structures or *buildings* for uses such as education facilities, research facilities, or aircraft hangers.

Robert Privott, NCHBA questioned if this should be in the Residential Code also.

**Item C – 7 Request by Robbie Davis, representing the NC Building Code Council Building/Fire Ad-Hoc Committees, to amend the 2018 NC Fire Prevention Code, Chapter 1, Section 102.13 Exception to applicability and Chapter 2, as follows:**

#### **CHAPTER 1 CHANGES NC Fire Prevention Code 102.13 Exception to applicability.**

The provisions of this code shall not apply to the following:

1. Occupancy of one- and two-family dwellings.

~~2. Farm buildings located outside the building rules jurisdiction of any municipality.~~

~~**Exception:** All buildings used for sleeping purposes shall conform to the provisions of the technical codes.~~

2. Farm buildings not used for:

a. Sleeping purposes, or

b. Storage of hazardous materials in excess of those listed in Tables 5003.1(1) and 5003.1(2) within the building rules jurisdiction of any municipality.

3. The design, construction, location, installation or operation of equipment for storing, handling, and transporting liquefied petroleum gases for fuel purposes up to the first stage regulator, liquefied natural gases, and anhydrous ammonia or other liquid fertilizers.

4. The design, construction, location, installation or operation of equipment or facilities of a public utility, as defined in N.C.G.S 62-3, or an electric or telephone membership corporation, including without limitation poles, towers and other structures supporting electric or communication lines from the distribution network up to the meter location.

**Exception:** All buildings owned and operated by a public utility or an electric or telephone membership corporation shall meet the provisions of the code.

5. The Storage and Handling of Hazardous Chemicals Right to Know Act. North Carolina N.C.G.S 95-173 through 95-218.

6. Open burning pursuant to N.C.G.S. 106 - 940 through 106 - 950 under the jurisdiction of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

## **CHAPTER 2 CHANGES**

**FARM BUILDING.** *Any building not used for sleeping purposes that is not accessed by the general public and is used primarily for a bona fide farm purpose. Bona-fide farm purposes includes but is not limited to structures or buildings for storage and processing of agricultural products or commodities such as: crops, fruits, vegetables, ornamental or flowering plants, dairy, timber, livestock, poultry and all other such forms of agricultural products by the specific farm on which the structure or building is located. Bona-fide farm purposes do not include structures or buildings for uses such as education facilities, research facilities, or aircraft hangars.*

Robert Privott, NCHBA questioned if this should be in the Residential Code also.



**Item C – 8 Request from Robbie Davis, representing the NC Building Code Council Building/Fire Ad-Hoc Committees, to amend the 2018 NC Fire Prevention Code, Chapter 1, Section 105.6.45 Temporary membrane structures and tents (mandatory permit), Section 105.7.18 Temporary membrane structures and tents and Chapter 31, Section 3103.2 Approval required, as follows:**

#### **CHAPTER 1 CHANGES**

##### **105.6.45 Temporary membrane structures and tents (mandatory permit).**

An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure ,or a temporary stage canopy having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>) or a tent having an area in excess of ~~400~~ 800 square feet (~~37~~ 74 m<sup>2</sup>).

##### **Exceptions:**

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Tents open on all sides, which comply with all of the following:
  - 2.1. Individual tents having a maximum size of ~~700~~ 1800 square feet (~~65~~ 148 m<sup>2</sup>).
  - 2.2. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed ~~700~~ 1800 square feet (~~65~~ 148 m<sup>2</sup>) total.
  - 2.3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided.
3. Funeral tents and curtains or extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.

**[A] 105.7.18 Temporary membrane structures and tents.** A construction permit is required to erect an air-supported temporary membrane structure, or a temporary stage canopy having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>) or a tent having an area in excess of ~~400~~ 800 square feet (~~37~~ 74 m<sup>2</sup>).

##### **Exceptions:**

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Tents open on all sides, which comply with all of the following:
  - 2.1. Individual tents having a maximum size of ~~700~~ 1800 square feet (~~65~~ 148 m<sup>2</sup>).
  - 2.2. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed ~~700~~ 1800 square feet (~~65~~ 148 m<sup>2</sup>) total.
  - 2.3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided.
3. Funeral tents and curtains or extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.

## CHAPTER 31 CHANGES

**3103.2 Approval required.** Tents and membrane structures ~~having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>)~~ shall not be erected, operated or maintained for any purpose without first obtaining a permit and approval from the *fire code official*.

### **3103.2.1 Membrane Structures.**

Membrane structures having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>)

### **3103.2.2 Tents.**

Tents having an area in excess of 800 square feet (74.32 m<sup>2</sup>).

#### **Exceptions:**

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Tents open ~~on all sides~~ without sidewalls, drops or other physical obstructions on 75 percent or more of the perimeter that comply with all of the following:
  - 2.1. Individual tents having a maximum size of ~~700~~ 1800 square feet (~~65~~ 148.6 m<sup>2</sup>).
  - 2.2. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm), not exceeding ~~700~~ 1800 square feet (~~65~~ 148.6 m<sup>2</sup>) total.
  - 2.3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to all structures and other tents.
3. Funeral tents and curtains or extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.

**3103.5 Use period.** ~~A t~~Temporary tents, air-supported, air-inflated or tensioned membrane structures shall not be erected for a period of more than 180 consecutive days within a 12-month period on a single premises.

Jon Leonard, NCFMA commented that the permit issue should be taken care of rather than increase the exception.

Jason Sheppard, Orange County EMS commented that this exempts Assembly tents. Maybe we can work on permit fee uniformity instead.

**Item C – 9 Request from Robbie Davis, representing the NC Building Code Council Building/Fire Ad-Hoc Committees, to amend the 2018 NC Fire Prevention Code, Chapter 34, Section 3406.1 Required access, as follows:**

#### **3406.1 Required access.**

New tire storage yards shall be provided with fire apparatus access roads in accordance with Section 503 and Section 3406.2. Existing tire storage yards shall

be provided with fire apparatus access roads where required in ~~Chapter 11~~ Section 3406.1.1.

**3406.1.1 Existing tire storage yards.**

Existing tire storage yards in excess of 150,000 cubic feet shall be provided with fire apparatus access roads in accordance with Section 3406.1.1.1 and 3406.1.1.2.

**3406.1.1.1 Access to piles.**

Access roadways shall be within 150 feet (45 720 mm) of any point in the storage yard where storage piles are located not less than 20 feet (6096 mm) from any storage pile.

**3406.1.1.2 Location within piles.**

Fire apparatus access roads shall be located within all pile clearances identified in Section 3405.4 and within all fire breaks required in Section 3405.5.

There were no comments on this item.

**Item C – 10 Request from Robbie Davis, representing the NC Building Code Council Building/Fire Ad-Hoc Committees, to amend the 2018 NC Building Code, Section 1107.6.2.2.1 Type A units, as follows:**

**1107.6.2.2.1 Type A units.**

In Group R-2 occupancies containing ~~11or more~~ more than 20 *dwelling units or sleeping units*, at least ~~5~~ 2 percent but not less than one of the units shall be a *Type A unit*. ~~For a site with more than 100 units, at least 2 percent of the number of units exceeding 100 shall be Type A units.~~ All Group R-2 units on a *site* shall be considered to determine the total number of units and the required number of *Type A units*. *Type A units* shall be dispersed among the various classes of units. Bedrooms in monasteries and convents shall be counted as *sleeping units* for the purpose of determining the number of units. Where the *sleeping units* are grouped into suites, only one *sleeping unit* in each suite shall count towards the number of required *Type A unit*

**Exceptions:**

1. The number of *Type A units* is permitted to be reduced in accordance with Section 1107.7.
2. *Existing structures* on a *site* shall not contribute to the total number of units on a *site*.

Laurel Wright, NCDOI commented that these changes exceed the 2010 ADA allowance.

**Item C –11 Request from Robbie Davis, representing the NC Building Code Council Building/Fire Ad-Hoc Committees, to amend the 2018 NC Fire Prevention Code, Chapter 9, Section 903.4.1 Monitoring, as follows:**

### **903.4.1 Monitoring.**

Alarm, supervisory and trouble signals shall be distinctly different and shall be automatically transmitted to an *approved* supervising station, where approved by the *fire code official*, shall be an audible signal at a constantly attended location.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. Underground key or hub valves in roadway boxes provided by the municipality or public utility are not required to be monitored.
2. Backflow prevention device test valves located in limited area sprinkler system supply piping shall be locked in the open position. In occupancies required to be equipped with a fire alarm system, the backflow preventer valves shall be electrically supervised by a tamper switch installed in accordance with NFPA 72 and separately annunciated.
- ~~3. A group R-2 building sprinklered in accordance with NFPA 13R where sprinklers are provided for porches, balconies, corridors and stairs that are open and attached and installed supervised in accordance with Section 903.4. At a minimum an approved audible alarm device shall be provided on every sprinklered R-2 building in accordance with Section 903.4.2 of the North Carolina Fire Code. No on-site supervision is required at a constantly attended location.~~

There were no comments on this item.

### **Part D – Final Adoption**

There were no D-Items for consideration.

### **Part E – Reports**

#### **❖ Chairman's Report**

There was discussion about validity of new FEMA flood maps and how they affect CRS/BCEGS rating. Terence Friedman noted the 2016 joint BCC/NCDOI report to the General Assembly. It was decided that this is a FEMA/Local issue and that the BCC is not the right venue to address the concern. It was noted that “freeboard” is an important consideration.

Terence updated the BCC on the ICC/NCDOI online codes contract status. The state DIT still has concerns/questions about security that should be resolved soon. It was noted that all data residing online is public information.

Dan Tingen noted the public comments on Low E glass that were made earlier in this meeting. The BCC has previously addressed the issue as both an Emergency

Rule and a Permanent Rule. The industry has also addressed the manufacturing process to reduce concavity and focused reflection.

❖ **Ad-Hoc Committee Reports**

Daniel Priest asked that an Ad-Hoc Committee be appointed to study adoption of a mandatory Building Code Summary Sheet form. The Committee will report back in June.

Wade White noted that the 2017 NC Electrical Code Ad-Hoc Committee work is complete. The draft amendments were presented along with fiscal information in order to submit to OSBM for approval. A June submittal to the BCC is anticipated.

❖ **Standing Committee Reports**

Dan Tingen noted that the Standing Committees need to be more involved in the interim between Code Editions. The intent is to try to meet on Monday afternoon prior to the BCC meetings, starting in June. Wayne Hamilton noted that it would be beneficial to meet prior to D-Item consideration.

❖ **Staff Reports**

None.

❖ **Public Comments**

None.

**Part F - Appeals**

The Redwood Living Appeal was scheduled for Wednesday March 15, 2017. The appeal was resolved between the parties prior to hearing. No further action is required.