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Alarm Supervision

Code: 2012 Building Code
Section: 901.6.2

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Question:

Are all alarm systems required to be monitored at an approved supervising station?

Answer:

No. In accordance with Section 901.6.2, supervision is only required when the alarm system is required by the Sections 907.2 & 907.3 of the NC Fire Prevention Code.

For example, if an owner wanted to install an alarm system within a building that is not otherwise required to be equipped with an alarm system, the system is not required to be equipped with a “dialer” that notifies a supervising station.

Please note that Section 901.6.2 contains three exceptions that eliminate the requirement of supervision for single and multiple smoke alarms, smoke detectors installed in a Group I-3 occupancy, and sprinkler systems in 1 and 2 family dwellings.

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