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June 4, 2015

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**RE: 2012 NC Administrative Code & Policies**  
**Section 201.1, Scope**  
**Section 204.3.5, Design Professional Seal Required**

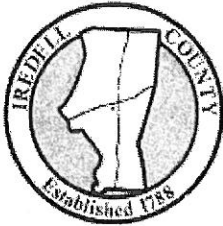
Mr. Smith:

This letter is in response your request for consideration dated 5/21/15. The Administrative Code, Section 201.1 states that "*Chapter 2 is provided as procedural policies. Items discussed in this chapter are intended as commentary to the General Statutes.*" The Section 204.3.5 Exceptions 3 and 4 are taken from GS 83A-13. The proposal would require either a Legislative change or a Board of Architecture interpretation.

Sincerely,

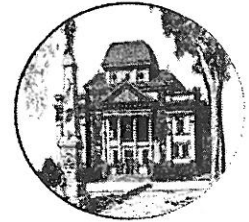
Barry Gupton, PE  
Chief Code Consultant

cc: **File**  
Lynn Niblock, Iredell County  
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May 21, 2015

Office of State Fire Marshal  
Building Code Council  
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Re: Proposed Changes to the NC Administrative Code

Dear Mr. Gupton:

Iredell County is seeing a steady increase in building activity. This activity is mixed with new construction as well as renovation of existing structures. As the current Administrative Policy reads, the need for sealed plans is predicated on the entire building size and value.

In several instances a commercial entity has expressed a desire to perform minor renovations that do not structurally change the building nor does it add square footage. In order to comply with the Administrative Code, an institutional or commercial building with a total cost of construction that exceeds \$90,000 or area that exceeds 2,500 square feet in gross floor area must submit sealed drawings. We are finding in many cases it is cost prohibitive for those businesses that are attempting to recover from the recession and once again become viable. We would like to suggest a minor revision to the Administrative Code while still meeting the intent of the current regulations. We have attached the Code Change Form with the proposed revisions.

We would respectfully request the Council's consideration to the above referenced revision to assist not just Iredell County but all Counties in the State of North Carolina in their efforts to partner with existing commercial entities in their efforts to once again be a thriving and viable part of the County's local economy.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Smith".

Ron Smith  
Iredell County Manager

Cc: Iredell County Board of Commissioners  
Lynn Niblock, Iredell County Director of Development Services