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Outdoor Fire Pits

Code: 2018 Residential Code

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Section: R101.2.2

Question:

Does the Residential Code apply to standalone outdoor fire pits?

Answer:

No. Pits are not listed in R101.2.2. Accessory Structures and are not required to meet the provisions of the North Carolina Residential Code.

Reference:

R101.2.2 Accessory Structures. The following *accessory structures* shall meet the provisions of this code.

Accessory structures not listed below are not required to meet the provisions of this code.

1. Decks, See Appendix M,
2. Gazebos,
3. Retaining walls, See Section R404.4,
4. Detached masonry chimneys located less than 10 feet from other buildings or lot lines,
5. Swimming pools and spas, See Appendix V,
6. Detached carports,
7. *Docks, piers, bulkheads*, and waterways structures, See Section R327.

Exception: Portable, lightweight carports not exceeding 400 square feet (37 m²) or 12 feet (3658 mm) mean roof height.

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