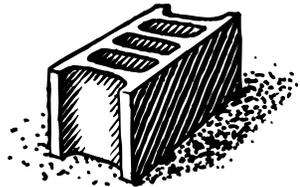


NC Lien Agent Law

Effective April 1, 2013, All project greater than \$30,000 are required to assign a lien agent. For more information please visit: www.liensnc.com

New Energy Code Requirements

The 2012 NC Energy Code is in effect. This code changes many of the insulation requirements, as well as affecting Mechanical and Electrical Codes.



New Span Tables

The span tables for southern yellow pine have changed. The new tables are available from The Southern Pine Council. The web address is: www.southernpine.com/span-tables-new.asp

Permits and Inspections

It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that permits are secured prior to the start of work. If work begins prior to permits being issued, a fine will be levied against the contractor.

All work must be inspected at intervals required by the code.

Mechanical Contractors must request for final inspection within 10 days of substantial completion of the work for which a license is required. Failure of compliance will result in a fine assessed.

Related Links:

NC General Contractors Board-

www.nclbgc.org

NC Plumbing, Heating & Fire Sprinkler Board-

www.nclicensing.org

NC Electrical Contractor Board-

www.ncbeec.org

Department of Energy-

www.energy.gov

Code Interpretations-

[http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering/Default.aspx?field1=Code Interpretations&user=State Building Codes](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering/Default.aspx?field1=Code%20Interpretations&user=State%20Building%20Codes)

Flood Maps-

www.ncfloodmaps.com

Office of State Fire Marshal-

http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering/engineering_home.asp

Underwriters Laboratory (UL)

<http://www.ul.com>

Phone: 252-975-9334
252-975-9304
252-975-9352
Fax: 252-946-1965



Elevation Requirements

The City of Washington has added a one foot freeboard requirement to its flood ordinance. This means that construction in the flood zone requires elevation to base flood elevation plus one foot. This applies to residential, commercial and mobile homes. Please contact the Inspection Department for more information

New Elevation Certificate

FEMA has released a new elevation certificate. This certificate is to be used when an elevation certificate is required. Information concerning the new certificate is available at :

<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/160?id=1383>

Substantial Improvements

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvements to a building exceeds 50% of the buildings fair market value, then the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. Substantially damaged buildings must also be brought up to the same standards (e.g., a residence damaged so that the cost or repairs equals or exceeds 50% of the building's value before it was damaged must be elevated above the base flood elevation).

Further Information

Washington offers, as a public service, the following assistance to residents, property owners, realtors, insurance agents, and lenders:

- Assistance in determining if properties are in a special flood hazard area

- Special flood protection techniques

- Flood determinations

- Historical flooding patterns

- Retrofitting and flood proofing advice

- Flood insurance requirements

In addition, the City of Washington has made available several flood information packets at the public library for your review. If you have any questions or concerns regarding flooding, please call the Washington Inspections Department at (252) 975-9304 or (252) 975-9334.

