

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** June 1, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Fire Inspections Schedule

**PRESENTER:** Rocky Hyder

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

1. NC Fire Code Section 106
2. Letter to State Fire Marshal

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Due to proposed changes in the fire prevention inspections program, the Board should consider confirming the annual inspections schedule pursuant to Section 106 of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the periodic fire prevention inspection schedule to provide annual inspections of all business within the scope of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code.

**Suggested Motion:**

*I move the Board approve the fire prevention inspection schedule to provide annual fire inspections of all business within the scope of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code.*

this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit.

**105.7.7 Flammable and combustible liquids.** A construction permit is required:

1. To install, repair or modify a pipeline for the transportation of flammable or *combustible liquids*.
2. To install, construct or alter tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and *combustible liquids* are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used.
3. To install, alter, remove, abandon or otherwise dispose of a flammable or *combustible liquid* tank.

**105.7.8 Hazardous materials.** A construction permit is required to install, repair damage to, abandon, remove, place temporarily out of service, or close or substantially modify a storage facility or other area regulated by Chapter 27 when the hazardous materials in use or storage exceed the amounts listed in Table 105.6.20.

**Exceptions:**

1. Routine maintenance.
2. For emergency repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.

**105.7.9 Industrial ovens.** A construction permit is required for installation of industrial ovens covered by Chapter 21.

**Exceptions:**

1. Routine maintenance.
2. For repair work performed on an emergency basis, application for permit shall be made within two working days of commencement of work.

**105.7.10 LP-gas.** A construction permit for the installation of or modification to an LP-gas system may be required and approved by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

**105.7.11 Private fire hydrants.** A construction permit is required for the installation or modification of private fire hydrants.

**105.7.12 Spraying or dipping.** A construction permit is required to install or modify a spray room, dip tank or booth.

**105.7.13 Standpipe systems.** A construction permit is required for the installation, modification or removal from service of a standpipe system. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit.

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

**Exceptions:**

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Funeral tents and curtains or extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.
3. Tents and awnings open on all sides which comply with all of the following:
  - 3.1. Individual tents shall have a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>).
  - 3.2. 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 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>) total.
  - 3.3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be maintained.

**SECTION 106  
INSPECTIONS**

In order to preserve and protect public health and safety and to satisfy the requirements of General Statute 153A-364 and General Statute 160A-424, political subdivisions assuming inspection duties, as set out in General Statute 153A-351 and General Statute 160A-411, shall have a periodic inspection schedule for the purpose of identifying activities and conditions in buildings, structures and premises that pose dangers of fire, explosion or related hazards. Such inspection schedule shall be approved by the local governing body and shall be submitted to the Office of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Insurance. In no case shall inspections be conducted less frequently than described in the schedule below:

<u>Once every year</u>	<u>Hazardous, institutional, high-rise assembly except those noted below, and Residential except one- and two family dwellings and only interior common areas of dwelling units of multi-family occupancies.</u>
<u>Once every two years</u>	<u>Industrial and educational (except public schools).</u>
<u>Once every three years</u>	<u>Assembly occupancies with an occupant load less than 100, business, mercantile, storage, churches, synagogues, and miscellaneous Group U occupancies.</u>

Frequency rates for inspections of occupancies as mandated by the North Carolina General Statutes shall supersede this schedule. Nothing in this section is intended to prevent a jurisdiction from conducting more frequent inspections than the schedule listed above or the schedule filed with the Office of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Insurance.

On unattended or vacant structures, the fire code official shall affix a letter on the premises in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to such premises requesting an inspection in

June 2, 2015

The Honorable Wayne Goodwin  
North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance, State Fire Marshal's Office  
322 Chapanoke Road  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Commissioner Goodwin,

Pursuant to Section 106 of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code I am writing to provide notice of the approved periodic inspection schedule for Henderson County.

On June 1, 2015 the Henderson County Board of Commissioners approved the periodic inspection schedule for fire prevention inspections to be conducted annually in all business within the scope of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code. This schedule will remain in effect until changed by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners.

Respectfully,

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Thomas Thompson, Chairman

cc: County Manager, Fire Marshal