



**MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
**Land Use and Environmental Services Division**  
**Code Enforcement**

# Memo

**Date:** July 13, 2018

**To:** All Customers

**From:** Patrick G. Granson  
Director of Mecklenburg County Code Enforcement

**Re:** 2018 NC State Building Code Effective Dates

In the December 12, 2017, meeting of the N.C. Building Code Council (BCC), the BCC confirmed transition dates for the new 2018 NC State Building Code family. The BCC established a consistent date for all codes to become effective (excludes electrical). The transition period is outlined as follows:

- The 2018 NC Building, Residential (Single Family), Existing Building, Energy, Fire Prevention, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Fuel Gas Codes will have a transition period beginning July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

The absolute cutoff date, established by the BCC, for use of the 2012 NC State Building Code family, is December 31, 2018.

It is very important for professionals to closely monitor and determine when their project's design will switch to the new 2018 NC State Building Code family. Compliance with the above transition period and Department policy is essential.

We strongly recommend submittal of plans for new commercial projects, residential projects, master plan projects, and renovation up-fits (encompassing 20,000 sf or more), no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>. We recommend submission of smaller commercial plans no later than October 1, 2018. Even if submitted by these dates, customers should carefully monitor their project timelines if their projects move to a second or subsequent review cycle to ensure the project does not linger without moving forward into the permitting phase, once approved.

If your project permit(s) documents are not submitted by **4:45 p.m. on December 28, 2018** (regardless of plan submission date), will be required to comply with the 2018 North Carolina Building Code family (excludes electrical). This may require additional plan review cycles and/or fees; taking extra time. While state law requires the Department to issue code compliant permits, the burden is on the owner's team to estimate when your permit will be issued.

Feel free to contact me, Deputy Directors David Gieser or Melanie Sellers, your Plan Review Manager, your Field Inspection Manager, or your Code Administrator if you have questions regarding effective dates for the 2018 NC State Building Code family.

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