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Retroactive Requirements

Code: 2002 North Carolina Fire Prevention Code
Section: 102

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Question:

Which elements of the Fire Prevention Code are retroactive when there are no modifications or change of use?

Answer:

Section 102 of the fire code requires a building to be maintained in accordance with the code in effect at the time the building was originally permitted. Unless a portion of the building structure represents an imminent life safety issue or a delay to egress, there are no true retroactive requirements.