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Outdoor Fireplaces

Code: 2002 Residential Code
Section: R101.2

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Question:

How does the NC Residential Code apply to standalone outdoor fireplaces or pits?

Answer:

Section R101.2 Scope indicates that the code does not apply to accessory structures that do not have a floor plan dimension greater than 12 feet. Standalone outdoor fireplaces typically do not have a plan dimension greater than 12 feet; so, the code does not apply. But, Chapter 10 is a good resource for constructing such a structure. It will provide information such as how to size footings, flues and fireplace openings so that it properly functions. Section R1001.6 is particularly useful in that it tells you where the chimney can terminate without exposing other structures on the site to fire damage.

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