10A NCAC 13F .0311 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

10A NCAC 13F .0311 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

(a) The building and all fire safety, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing equipment in an adult care home shall be maintained in a safe and operating condition.

- (b) There shall be a heating system sufficient to maintain 75 degrees F (24 degrees C) under winter design conditions.

 In addition, the The following shall apply to heaters and cooking appliances:
 - (1) <u>Built in built-in</u> electric heaters, if used, shall be installed or protected so as to avoid burn hazards to residents and room <u>furnishings</u>. <u>furnishings</u>:
 - (2) <u>Unvented unvented</u> fuel burning room heaters and portable electric heaters are prohibited. prohibited:
 - (3) Fireplaces, fireplaces, fireplace inserts inserts, and wood stoves shall be designed or and installed so as to avoid a burn hazard to residents. Fireplace inserts and wood stoves shall be U.L. listed. listed:
 - Ovens, ranges and the power supply for ovens, ranges, microwaves, cook tops tops, and other domestic cooking appliances located in resident activity or recreational areas shall not be used except under facility staff supervision. The degree of staff supervision shall be based on the facility's assessment of the capabilities of each resident. The operation of the equipment shall have a locking feature provided, that shall be controlled by staff. shall have a locking feature provided that shall be controlled by staff. These appliances shall not be used except under facility staff supervision.
 - Ovens, ranges and the power supply for ovens, and ranges, microwaves, cook tops tops, and other domestic cooking appliances located in resident rooms shall have a locking feature provided that shall be controlled by staff, to limit the use of the equipment by residents who have been assessed by the facility to be incapable of operating the equipment in a safe manner. staff. Each resident shall be assessed by the administrator or their designee to determine the resident's capability to operate the appliances in a safe manner, and the degree of staff supervision necessary to ensure safe operation of the appliances.
 - (c) Air conditioning or at least one fan per resident bedroom and living and dining areas shall be provided when the temperature in the main center corridor exceeds 80 degrees F (26.7 degrees C). The facility shall have heating and cooling systems such that environmental temperature controls shall be capable of maintaining temperatures in the facility at 75 degrees F minimum in the heating season, and not exceed 80 degrees F during the non-heating season.
- 32 (d) The hot water system shall be of such size to provide an adequate supply of hot water to the kitchen, bathrooms,
- laundry, housekeeping elosets closets, and soil soiled utility room. The hot water temperature at all fixtures used by
- residents shall be maintained at a minimum of 100 degrees F (38 degrees C) and shall not exceed 116 degrees F (46.7
- degrees C). F. The requirements of this Paragraph shall apply to new and existing facilities.
- 36 (e) All multi-story Multi-story facilities shall be equipped with elevators.
 - (f) In addition to the required emergency lighting, minimum lighting shall be as follows:

1	(1)	30 foot-candle power for reading; reading; and
2	(2)	10 foot-candle power for general lighting; and lighting.
3	(3)	1 foot candle power at the floor for corridors at night.
4	(g) The spaces	s listed in this Paragraph shall be provided with have an exhaust ventilation system per the North
5	Carolina State I	Building Code. Exhaust vents shall be vented directly to the outdoors: at the rate of two cubic feet per
6	minute per squa	re foot. foot of floor area. This requirement does not apply to facilities licensed before April 1, 1984,
7	with natural ver	ntilation in these specified spaces:
8	(1)	soiled linen storage;
9	(2)	soil soiled utility room;
10	(3)	bathrooms and toilet rooms;
11	(4)	housekeeping closets; and
12	(5)	laundry area.
13	(h) In facilities	licensed for $7 - 12 - 7$ to 12 residents, an electrically operated call system shall be provided connecting
14	each resident be	edroom to the live in staff bedroom. The resident call system activator shall be such that they can be
15	activated with a single action and remain on until deactivated by staff at the point of origin. The call system activated	
16	shall be within reach of the resident lying on the bed. there shall be an electrically operated call system meeting the	
17	following requirements:	
18	<u>(1)</u>	the call system shall connect residents' bedrooms and bathrooms to the live-in staff bedroom. Where
19		there are no live-in staff for the facility, the call system shall connect residents' bedrooms and
20		bathrooms to a location accessible to staff;
21	(2)	residents' bedrooms shall have a resident call system activator at the resident's bed;
22	(3)	the resident call system activator shall be within reach of a resident lying on the bed;
23	<u>(4)</u>	the resident call system activator shall be such that it can be activated with a single action and remain
24		on until deactivated by staff at point of origin; and
25	(5)	when activated, the call system shall activate an audible and visual signal in the live-in staff
26		bedroom, in a location accessible to staff, or register with the floor staff.
27	(i) In newly lic	ensed facilities without live-in staff, an electrically operated call system shall be provided connecting
28	each resident bedroom and bathroom to a staff station. The resident call system activator shall be such that they can	
29	be activated wi	th a single action and remain on until deactivated by staff at the point of origin. The call system
30	activator shall l	be within reach of the resident lying on the bed. there shall be an electrically operated call system
31	meeting the following requirements:	
32	<u>(1)</u>	the call system shall connect residents' bedrooms and bathrooms to a location accessible to staff;
33	<u>(2)</u>	residents' bedrooms shall have a resident call system activator at the resident's bed;
34	(3)	the resident call system activator shall be within reach of a resident lying on the bed;
35	<u>(4)</u>	the resident call system activator shall be such that it can be activated with a single action and remain
36		on until deactivated by staff at point of origin; and

1	<u>(5)</u>	when activated, the call system shall activate an audible and visual signal in a location accessible to	
2		staff.	
3	(j) Except whe	re otherwise specified, existing facilities housing persons unable to evacuate without staff assistance	
4	shall provide those residents with hand bells or other signaling devices.		
5	(k) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities with the exception of Paragraph (e) which shall not apply to		
6	existing facilities.		
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