

1 10A NCAC 13F .0307 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13F .0307 FIRE ALARM SYSTEM**

4 (a) The fire alarm system in adult care homes shall be able to transmit the fire alarm signal automatically to the local
5 emergency fire department dispatch center, ~~either directly or through a central station monitoring company connection.~~
6 center that is legally committed to serving the area in which the facility is located. The alarm shall be transmitted
7 either to a fire department or through a third-party service that shall transmit the alarm to the fire department. The
8 method used to transmit the alarm shall be in accordance with local ordinances.

9 (b) ~~Any applicable fire safety requirements required by city ordinances or county building inspectors shall be~~
10 ~~provided. The facility shall comply with fire safety requirements of the city and county in which the facility is located~~
11 as required by local building and fire officials.

12 (c) In a facility licensed before April 1, 1984 and constructed prior to January 1, 1975, the building, in addition to
13 meeting the requirements of the North Carolina State Building Code in effect at the time the building was constructed,
14 shall ~~be provided with~~ have the following:

- 15 (1) A fire alarm system with pull stations within five feet of ~~each~~ an exit and sounding devices which
16 are audible throughout the building;
- 17 (2) Products of combustion (smoke) U/L listed detectors in all corridors. The detectors shall be no more
18 than 60 feet from each other and no more than 30 feet from ~~any~~ an end wall;
- 19 (3) Heat detectors or products of combustion detectors in all storage rooms, kitchens, living rooms,
20 dining rooms and laundries;
- 21 (4) All detection systems interconnected with the fire alarm system; and
- 22 (5) Emergency power for the fire alarm system, heat detection system, and products of combustion
23 detection with automatic start generator or trickle charge battery system capable of operating the
24 fire alarm systems for 24 hours and able to sound the alarm for five minutes at the end of that time.
25 Emergency egress lights and exit signs shall be powered from an automatic start generator or a U/L
26 approved trickle charge battery system capable of operation for 1-1/2 hours when normal power
27 fails.

28 (d) When ~~any~~ a facility not equipped with a complete automatic fire extinguishment system replaces the fire alarm
29 system, ~~each bedroom~~ all bedrooms shall ~~be provided with~~ have smoke detectors. Other building spaces shall ~~be~~
30 ~~provided with such~~ provide fire detection devices as required by the North Carolina State Building Code and
31 requirements of this Subchapter.

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