

1 10A NCAC 13F .0311 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13F .0311 OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

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

6 (b) ~~There shall be a heating system sufficient to maintain 75 degrees F (24 degrees C) under winter design conditions.~~
7 ~~In addition, the~~ The following shall apply to heaters and cooking appliances-appliances:

8 (1) ~~Built-in~~ built-in electric heaters, if used, shall be installed or protected so as to avoid burn hazards
9 to residents and room ~~furnishings.~~ furnishings:

10 (2) ~~Unvented~~ unvented fuel burning room heaters and portable electric heaters are ~~prohibited.~~
11 prohibited:

12 (3) ~~Fireplaces,~~ fireplaces, fireplace ~~inserts~~ inserts, and wood stoves shall be designed ~~or~~ and installed
13 so as to avoid a burn hazard to residents. Fireplace inserts and wood stoves shall be U.L. ~~listed.~~
14 listed:

15 (4) ~~Ovens, ranges and the power supply for ovens, ranges, microwaves, cook tops tops, and other~~
16 domestic cooking appliances located in resident activity or recreational areas ~~shall not be used~~
17 ~~except under facility staff supervision. The degree of staff supervision shall be based on the facility's~~
18 ~~assessment of the capabilities of each resident. The operation of the equipment shall have a locking~~
19 ~~feature provided, that shall be controlled by staff. shall have a locking feature provided that shall be~~
20 controlled by staff. These appliances shall not be used except under facility staff supervision.

21 (5) ~~Ovens, ranges and the power supply for ovens, and ranges, microwaves, cook tops tops, and other~~
22 domestic cooking appliances located in resident rooms shall have a locking feature provided that
23 shall be controlled by staff, to limit the use of the equipment by residents who have been assessed
24 by the facility to be incapable of operating the equipment in a safe manner. staff. Each resident shall
25 be assessed by the administrator or their designee to determine the resident's capability to operate
26 the appliances in a safe manner, and the degree of staff supervision necessary to ensure safe
27 operation of the appliances.

28 (c) ~~Air conditioning or at least one fan per resident bedroom and living and dining areas shall be provided when the~~
29 ~~temperature in the main center corridor exceeds 80 degrees F (26.7 degrees C). The facility shall have heating and~~
30 cooling systems such that environmental temperature controls shall be capable of maintaining temperatures in the
31 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,~~
33 ~~laundry, housekeeping closets closets, and soil soiled utility room. The hot water temperature at all fixtures used by~~
34 ~~residents shall be maintained at a minimum of 100 degrees F (38 degrees C) and shall not exceed 116 degrees F (46.7~~
35 ~~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.

37 (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 listed in this Paragraph shall ~~be provided with~~ have an exhaust ventilation system per the North
 5 Carolina State Building Code. Exhaust vents shall be vented directly to the outdoors: at the rate of two cubic feet per
 6 minute per square foot. This requirement does not apply to facilities licensed before April 1, 1984, with natural
 7 ventilation 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 bedroom 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 activator~~
 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 (1) 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 (4) 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~~ licensed 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 with a single action and remain on until deactivated by staff at the point of origin. The call system~~
 30 ~~activator shall be within reach of the resident lying on the bed. there shall be an electrically operated call system~~
 31 meeting the following requirements:

- 32 (1) the call system shall connect residents' bedrooms and bathrooms to a location accessible to staff;
- 33 (2) 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 (4) 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 (5) when activated, the call system shall activate an audible and visual signal in a location accessible to
2 staff.

3 (j) Except where 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 (c) which shall not apply to~~
6 ~~existing facilities.~~

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