

§ 143-137. Organization of Building Code Council; rules; meetings; staff; fiscal affairs.

(a) First Meeting; Organization; Rules. – Within 30 days after its appointment, the Building Code Council shall meet on call of the State Fire Marshal. The Council shall adopt rules as it may deem necessary for the proper discharge of its duties. The chair may establish and appoint members to committees as the work of the Council may require. In addition, the chair may establish and appoint ad hoc code revision committees to consider and prepare revisions and amendments to the Code volumes, as specified in G.S. 143-138(a). Each ad hoc committee shall consist of members of the Council, licensed contractors, and design professionals most affected by the Code volume for which the ad hoc committee is responsible, and members of the public. Ad hoc committees shall meet upon the call of their respective chairs and shall report their recommendations to the Council.

(b) Meetings. – The Council shall meet regularly, at least once every six months, at places and dates to be determined by the Council. Special meetings may be called by the chair and must be called by the chair at the request of two or more members of the Council. All members shall be notified by the chair in writing of the time and place of regular and special meetings at least seven days in advance of such meeting. All meetings shall be open to the public.

(c) Staff. – Personnel of the Division of Engineering of the Department of Insurance shall serve as staff for the Council, and have the following duties:

(1) Keeping an accurate and complete record of all meetings, hearings, correspondence, laboratory studies, and technical work performed by or for the Council, and making these records available for public inspection at all reasonable times.

(2) Handling correspondence for the Council.

(d) Fiscal Affairs of the Council. – All funds for the operations of the Council and its staff shall be appropriated to the Department of Insurance for the use of the Council. All such funds shall be held in a separate or special account on the books of the Department of Insurance, with a separate financial designation or code number to be assigned by the Department of Insurance or its agent. Expenditures for staff salaries and operating expenses shall be made in the same manner as the expenditure of any other Department of Insurance funds. The Office of the State Fire Marshal may hire such additional personnel as may be necessary to handle the work of the Building Code Council, within the limits of funds appropriated to the Department of Insurance for the Council and with the approval of the Council.

(e) Quorum; Voting; No Proxy Vote. – Nine members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and an affirmative vote of nine members present shall be necessary to approve any action of the Building Code Council, including any amendment or revision to Code volumes, as specified in G.S. 143-138(a). No member may vote by proxy. (1957, c. 269, s. 1; c. 1138; 1987, c. 827, s. 219; 1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 975, s. 7; 1997-26, s. 4; 2023-108, s. 1(a); 2023-151, s. 11.54; 2024-49, s. 5.1(c).)