



Building Codes Enforcement

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SOG : 101	Related Policies: SOG Title: Code Interpretation and Conflict Resolution
<p><i>This policy is for internal use only and does not enlarge an employee's civil liability in any way. The policy should not be construed as creating a higher duty of care, in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party civil claims against employees. A violation of this policy, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this department for non-judicial administrative action in accordance with the laws governing employee discipline.</i></p>	
Applicable SC Statutes: Applicable SC Code of Regulations:	
OSHA:	
NFPA Standard:	
Date Implemented: 10/27/18	Date of last revision :

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Code Interpretation and Conflict Resolution policy is to ensure all employees understand the process for code interpretations and resolving conflict.

RESPONSIBILITY: It is the responsibility of The Chief Building Official to render interpretations in accordance with the adopted codes, standards and ordinances.

PROCEDURE:

- All code interpretations must be approved by the Chief Building Official.
- The Plans Examiners and Inspectors will bring any code questions that require interpretation to the Chief Building Official for resolution.
- Alternate Methods and materials are only approved by the Chief Building Official as described in the administrative chapters of the adopted codes.

- Conflicts of opinion between code officials and contractors, owners or their representatives are brought to the Chief Building Official for resolution.
- After the Chief Building Official has reviewed and made a determination on conflicts, unresolved conflicts or differences of code application may be appealed as described in Town Ordinance.
- Work without permit cases will be handled in accordance with the fee schedule or through the municipal court system at the discretion of the Chief Building Official.
- Double permit fees are to be issued for work without permit by any licensed contractor.
- Owner working without permit will be handled on a case by case basis at the direction of the Chief Building Official.
- It is the intent of the Chief Building Official that cases be resolved so that all work is in compliance with the adopted codes after the completion of the work without permit case.