

# LOCAL OPTION PLAN REVIEW

- [APPROVED JURISDICTIONS FOR LOCAL PLAN REVIEW](#) (Catawba County has been approved to provide Local Option Plan Review)

*Plan Review Required by NC Department of Insurance, Engineering Division for New Construction & Additions*

Q. How do you determine when plan review is required by the Department of Insurance, Engineering Division?

A. See Table 104.1 (below) from the NC Administrative Code and Policies, 2018 edition and the "COMMENTARY" below the table.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, ENGINEERING DIVISION DOCUMENT APPROVAL FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION & ADDITIONS	
Occupancy Group	Building Plans to be Approved
Section 403 - High Rise <sup>1</sup>	All buildings
Section 402 - Covered Mall Buildings <sup>1</sup>	All buildings
City/County owned	All buildings as required by G.S. 58-31-40
Group A <sup>1,2</sup>	Occupant load over 1,000
Group E <sup>1</sup>	Over 2 stories or over 20,000 sf/story
Group H <sup>1</sup>	Occupant load over 100
Group I <sup>1</sup>	Over 3 stories or over 10,000 sf/story
Group R <sup>1</sup>	Over 4 stories or over 100 units/building
<p>1. Plans and specifications are not required by the Engineering Division on buildings, except city/county owned, that are in a city or county inspection jurisdiction approved to perform plan review.</p> <p>2. Except temporary bleachers.</p>	

*COMMENTARY:*

- The square footages listed above refers to footprint of a new building or building addition.
- The occupant loads refer to a new building or building addition area only.
- For the purposes of this table only, the occupant load for a Church is based on the occupant load of the Occupant Group A-3 main meeting area. If the A-3 area is over 1,000 occupants, then DOI plan review is required unless exception 2 applies.
- The exception listed at the bottom of Table 502 applies only to footnote 2.
- G.S. 58-31-40 indicates that such City/County owned buildings must be greater than 20,000 s.f. of new or additional building footprint to require DOI review. The 20,000 s.f. applies to individual structures on the site and not the sum of the structures.