

APPENDIX 5 C

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

Memorandum on Codes

Plans and specifications must be prepared in accordance with all state laws and the codes and requirements listed below. The completeness of plans and specifications, as well as compliance with code requirements is a direct responsibility of the Architect/Engineer. Approval of bid documents by the Office of Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia in no way relieves the Architect/Engineer of this responsibility.

All projects designed for the Board of Regents shall conform to the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner of the State of Georgia. These requirements which are administered by the State Fire Marshal's office consist of the current, adopted edition of the National Fire Codes as published by the National Fire Protection Association and include the Life Safety Code (NFPA-101). Modifications, additions and deletions to these codes are stipulated in O.C.G.A., Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulation of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

As a matter of policy, the architect shall comply with the current, adopted edition of the following codes when developing a project for the Board of Regents:

1. Standard Building Code
2. Standard Mechanical Code
3. Standard Plumbing Code (with Georgia amendments)
4. Standard Gas Code
5. National Electrical Code
6. Georgia State Energy Code (with applications manual)
7. Georgia Accessibility Code for Buildings and Facilities, O.C.G.A. Chapter 120-3-20, also known as the "Georgia Accessibility Code"
8. Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines

These codes and standards are administered by the Board of Regents Office of Facilities. The Board of Regents, being a branch of state government, does not recognize the codes of lesser governing authorities. Where the Georgia State Codes refer jurisdiction to a local governing code official, such official shall be the Vice Chancellor for Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

Copies of current editions of these codes may be obtained from the State Department of Community Affairs, Technical Assistance Division (see directory.)

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(continued)**

Additions / Revisions to the Standard Building Code

A.. Add a new Section 611 to the Standard Building Code as follows:

”All buildings designed for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall be of Type I or Type II construction as set forth in this Chapter of the Georgia State Building Code.”

All other provisions of Chapter 6 shall remain unchanged.

B. Chapter 12, entitled ”Minimum Design Loads” of the Standard Building Code is amended by the Board of Regents as follows:

1. Modify Table 1203.1, ”Minimum Uniformly Distributed Live Loads” to include the following provisions:

Occupancy or Use	Live Load (psf)
Corridors - greater than six feet wide	100
Corridors - six feet wide and less	80
Dormitory Bedrooms	40
Laboratories	80
Office, General	50
Business Machine Rooms	100
Card File Rooms	125
Letter File Rooms	80
Mechanical Equipment Rooms, Light	125
Public Rooms, Lobbies, Multi-Purpose Assembly	100

All other provisions of this table remain unchanged.

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2. Delete paragraph 1202.2 and substitute the following new paragraph:

Paragraph 1202.2 Provision for Partitions

"The actual weight of all partitions will be included in the dead load. In the areas of buildings where the required design live load is less than 80 pounds per square foot, floors shall be designed to support the actual weight of partitions but not less than a uniformly distributed dead load of 25 pounds per square foot, whichever is greater."

3. Delete paragraph 1203.3 and substitute the following new paragraph:

Paragraph 1203.3 Concentrated Loads

"Floors of laboratories, classrooms and offices shall be designed to sustain safely, a concentrated load of 2,000 pounds placed upon any space 2-1/2 feet square wherever such load upon an otherwise unloaded floor would produce stresses greater than the uniformly distributed load for which the floor is designed. In the design of all floors, probable concentrated loads shall be considered. Where such loads may occur, the supporting beams, girders and slabs shall be designed to carry either the concentrated loads or the live load described in Section 1203.1, whichever produces the greater stresses.

4. Chapter 13 of the Standard Building Code entitled, "Foundations" is amended by the Board of Regents as follows:

Add a new paragraph 1304.11 as follows:

"All piles used to support a building and for tests shall be driven under the inspection of a registered soils engineer. All piles used to support any building or part thereof shall be driven in such a manner as not to impair their strength. The allowable load on piles shall be determined by load tests as prescribed in Section 1303.6. Piles used to support the structure shall be driven to a resistance not less than the driven resistance of the representative test pile as approved by the registered soils engineer."

