

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 applicable state and adopted national 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 Design Professional. Approval of final construction documents by the Office of Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia in no way relieves the Design Professional 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 design professional shall comply with current editions of applicable codes when developing a project for the Board of Regents. A directory of current, applicable codes is listed on the State Department of Community Affairs website, under the heading Georgia's Construction Codes:

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/constructioncodes/programs/codes2>.

The Uniform Codes Act is codified at chapter 2 of title 8 of The Official Code of Georgia Annotated, O.C.G.A. Section 8-2-20(9)(B). There are twelve adopted codes. Each of these separate codes typically consists of a base code (e.g. The International Building Code as published by the International Code Council) and a set of Georgia amendments to the base code. Eight of these codes are "mandatory" (are applicable to all construction whether or not they are locally enforced). The mandatory codes are as follows:

- International Building Code
- International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
- International Fire Code
- International Plumbing Code
- International Mechanical Code
- International Fuel Gas Code
- National Electrical Code
- International Energy Conservation Code

The Georgia Accessibility Code for Buildings and Facilities, O.C.G.A. Chapter 120-3-20, also known as the Georgia Accessibility Code and The Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines apply as well.

The Board of Regents, being a branch of state government, does not recognize the codes of lesser governing authorities. Where Georgia's Construction 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.