



**The North Carolina Board of Architecture  
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**NC Board of Architecture Position Statement on  
NC General Statute 153A-352 (c) and (d) and 160A-412(c)**

*(c) Notwithstanding the requirements of this Article, a county shall accept and approve, without further responsibility to inspect, a design or other proposal for a component or element in the construction of buildings from a licensed architect or licensed engineer provided all of the following apply:*

- (1) The submission is completed under valid seal of the licensed architect or licensed engineer.*
- (2) Field inspection of the installation or completion of construction component or element of the building is performed by that licensed architect or licensed engineer.*
- (3) That licensed architect or licensed engineer provides the county with a signed written document stating the component or element of the building so inspected is in compliance with the North Carolina State Building Code or the North Carolina Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings.*

*(d) Upon the acceptance and approval of a signed written document by the county as required under subsection (c) of this section, the county, its inspection department, and the inspectors shall be discharged and released from any duties and responsibilities imposed by this Article with respect to the component or element in the construction of the building for which the signed written document was submitted.*

The Board of Architecture (“the Board”) prefaces this Position Statement by stating that the referenced statutes are not administered by the Board, however, it is acknowledged that it may have an impact on the practice of architecture by an architect.

It is the position of the Board that there is insufficient language in the Statute to define and interpret the meaning of “a component or element”. As such, it is open to misinterpretation by the architect who may deem this permission to complete all field inspections of an entire project of their design.

The Board is of the opinion that the statutory language is not meant to allow an architect to perform building code inspections or ‘field inspections’ on an entire structure, but to give the authority having jurisdiction the ability to approve, without further responsibility, a smaller part of the project.

Approved by Board on May 12, 2017.