

2009 FIRE PREVENTION CODE APPROVED AMENDMENTS

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CODE REVIEW

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Group A-2 Sprinklers Nightclub

References:

**North Carolina Fire
Prevention Code**, 2009
Edition;

**North Carolina
Administrative Code and
Policies**, 2009 Edition,
Section 102.5, pg 3

http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering/BCC/Documents/2009_NCBuildingCode_amendments/approved/2009-2011ApprovedCumulative090707.pdf

1. The following are changes to the 2009 North Carolina State Fire Prevention and Building Codes sections 202, 902 and 903 regarding the requirements for sprinklers in A-2 occupancies. They become effective **January 1, 2011**.
2. Even though these changes are effective January 1, 2011 if the owner or owner's agent request the use of these changes they shall be accepted as an alternate method of construction by the Code Enforcement Official as stated in the 2009 North Carolina Administrative Code and Policies, Section 102.5.
3. The following definition is added to Section 202.1:
 - **Nightclub**. See Section 902.1
4. The following definition is added to Section 902.1:
 - **Nightclub**. An establishment meeting all of the following:
 1. Has a posted capacity or occupant load that exceed one occupant per 15 square feet net;
 2. Provides live or recorded entertainment by performing artists; and
 3. Serves alcoholic beverages.
5. Section 903.2.1.2 Group A-2 is changed to the following:
 - **903.2.1.2 Group A-2**. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-2 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:
 1. The fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet (464.5m²);
 2. The fire area has an occupant load of 300 or more, except 100 for nightclubs; or
 3. The fire area is located on a floor other than the level of exit discharge.