11 NCAC 08 .1602 REQUEST FOR AN ALTERNATIVE INSPECTION

(a) Each request for an alternative inspection may request only one of the types of inspections outlined in G.S. 143-139(b). Any additional inspections, including a follow-up inspection, require a new written request by the permit holder.

(b) A permit holder may request an alternative inspection by submitting a written request to the Engineering Services Division of the Office of State Fire Marshal that contains, in addition to the requirements of G.S. 143-139.4(b), the following information:

- (1) Completed permit application from the authority having jurisdiction;
- (2) Proof of paid inspection fees to the authority having jurisdiction; and
- (3) Any other documentation required by the authority having jurisdiction.

(c) If a request for an alternative inspection is approved in accordance with G.S. 143-139.4(e), a Qualified Marketplace Inspector shall be assigned to conduct the inspection within one business day of the approval of such request.

(d) If a request for an alternative inspection is not filed in accordance with these Rules, or the request does not meet the requirements of G.S. 143-139.4(e), the request shall be denied and the requestor notified of the reasons for the denial.

(e) The Commissioner shall charge the permit holder a fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per hour for alternative inspections conducted pursuant to G.S. 143-139.4 and these Rules. The hourly rate shall not include the time travelling to and from inspections, although the Commissioner shall charge for reimbursement for the actual mileage costs of travelling to and from inspections at the rate established under G.S. 138-6. The total fee shall be paid to the Commissioner no later than 30 days after completion of the alternative inspection.

(f) A permit holder who has paid the authority having jurisdiction for an inspection that has been conducted under these Rules may recoup the fees paid for alternative inspections in accordance with G.S. 153A-354 and G.S. 160A-414(b).

History Note: Authority G.S. 58-2-40(1a); 143-139.4(a); Eff. November 4, 2019.