

**21 NCAC 50 .0402 PERMITS**

- (a) A licensed contractor shall ensure that a permit is obtained from the local Code Enforcement official before commencing any work for which a license is required by the Board, except as set out in Paragraph (c) of this Rule. The contractor shall also ensure that a request for final inspection of the work for which a license is required is made by himself, the general contractor or the owner within 10 days of the earlier of the system being made operational or placed in service, absent agreement with the owner and the local Code Enforcement official. Absent agreement with the local Code Enforcement official the licensee is not relieved by the Board of responsibility to arrange inspection until a certificate of compliance or the equivalent is obtained from the local code enforcement official or the licensee has clear and convincing evidence of his effort to obtain same.
- (b) A licensed contractor shall not allow a permit to be obtained or his license number to appear upon a permit except for work which he or his employees perform, over which he or a properly licensed technician will provide general supervision until the completion of the work for which he holds an executed contract with the licensed general contractor or property owner and for which he receives all contractual payments.
- (c) A plumbing permit is not required for replacement of a water heater in a one or two-family dwelling under circumstances set out in G.S. 153A-357 or G.S. 160A-417.
- (d) The failure of a licensee to comply with the permit and inspection obligations outlined in this Rule is considered by the Board as evidence of incompetence or misconduct in the use of license from the Board.

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