

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1997

SESSION LAW 1998-13
HOUSE BILL 1407

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF NAGS HEAD TO ADOPT ORDINANCES
REQUIRING SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN CERTAIN BUILDINGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of the North Carolina State Building Code or any general or local law to the contrary, including Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, the Nags Head Board of Commissioners may require, by ordinance, the installation of sprinkler systems in the following buildings that are constructed within the corporate limits of the town or within the town's extraterritorial planning jurisdiction: (i) buildings that are greater than 50 feet in height, (ii) nonresidential buildings that contain at least 5,000 square feet of floor surface area, (iii) buildings that are designed for assembly occupancy, as defined in the North Carolina Building Code, that accommodate more than 50 people, and (iv) multifamily buildings that have three or more dwelling units. The installation of sprinkler systems shall be completed within a reasonable period of time, which shall be provided in any ordinances adopted by the Board. Any ordinances adopted pursuant to this act shall apply to existing buildings to the extent and under the circumstances that the provisions of the North Carolina State Building Code apply to preexisting buildings.

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 22nd day of June, 1998.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives