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MEMO TO: Elevator Companies

FROM: Joey Hazelrigg
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RE: Retroactive Requirement for Car Top Railing

Please be advised that the 2025 edition of ASME A17.1 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators will become effective June 30, 2026. However, the retroactive requirement, referenced in Section 8.6.4.25 for all **existing** automatic passenger and freight elevators to provide a standard railing on the car top when required by Section 2.14.1.7.1, will not be enforced as to existing devices in North Carolina.

The retroactive requirement referenced in Section 8.6.4.25 directly conflicts with 13 NCAC 15 .0202 (a), "Existing installations of elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, and moving walks shall be maintained under the departmental standards (if any) in effect at the time of their installation."

Elevators that either are required or were required to comply with Section 2.14.1.7.1 at the time of their initial installation or elevators that have had an alteration **requiring compliance with Section 2.14.1.7.1 after adoption of the 2025 edition of the Code** will continue to be required to comply with the 2025 Edition of the Code.

You may contact our office for further information.

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