



CHAPTER 87
ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL CONTRACTORS

N.C.G.S. § 87-1.

"General contractor" defined; exceptions.

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§ 87-1(a) For the purpose of this Article any person or firm or corporation who for a fixed price, commission, fee, or wage, undertakes to bid upon or to construct or who undertakes to superintend or manage, on his own behalf or for any person, firm, or corporation that is not licensed as a general contractor pursuant to this Article, the construction of any building, highway, public utilities, grading or any improvement or structure where the cost of the undertaking is forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) or more, or undertakes to erect a North Carolina labeled manufactured modular building meeting the North Carolina State Building Code, shall be deemed to be a "general contractor" engaged in the business of general contracting in the State of North Carolina.

§ 87-1(b) This section shall not apply to the following:

- (1) Persons, firms, or corporations furnishing or erecting industrial equipment, power plan equipment, radial brick chimneys, and monuments.
- (2) Any person, firm, or corporation who constructs or alters a building on land owned by that person, firm, or corporation provided (i) the building is intended solely for occupancy by that person and his family, firm, or corporation after completion; and (ii) the person, firm, or corporation complies with G.S. 87-14. If the building is not occupied solely by the person and his family, firm, or corporation for at least 12 months following completion, it shall be presumed that the person, firm, or corporation did not intend the building solely for occupancy by that person and his family, firm, or corporation.

- (3) Any person engaged in the business of farming who constructs or alters a building on land owned by that person and used in the business of farming, when the building is intended for use by that person after completion.

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APPARATUS I
13 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1925	c. 318, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1931	c. 62, s. 1	AMENDED
03	1937	c. 429, s. 1	AMENDED
04	1949	c. 936	AMENDED
05	1953	c. 810	AMENDED
06	1971	c. 246, s. 1	AMENDED
07	1975	c. 279, s. 1	AMENDED
08	1981	c. 783, s. 1	AMENDED
09	1989	c. 109, s. 1	AMENDED
10	1989	c. 653, s. 1	AMENDED
11	1989	1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 840, s. 1	AMENDED
12	2011	S.L. 2011-376, s. 1	AMENDED
13	2023	S.L. 2023-108, s. 2(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II

1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
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G.S. 87-14

(b)(2)

"person, firm, or corporation complies with"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 87-1 (2023).

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