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Notice of Public Chapter 312: One- and Two-Family Dwellings Energy Code Enforcement

On July 1, 2023, Public Chapter 312 will become effective which outlines that exempt jurisdictions will default to the currently adopted state energy code language for one- and two-family dwellings adopted in Rule Chapter 0780-02-23.

TCA 68-120-101(b)(2)(A) removes the ability of an exempt jurisdiction to be more stringent than the currently adopted state energy code language for one- and two-family dwellings, including the adopted amendments. The currently adopted state energy code edition is the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code with 2009 amendments as adopted in Rule Chapter 0780-02-23.

In summary, on July 1, 2023, TCA 68-120-101(b)(2)(A) requires that the currently adopted state energy code language is to be enforced within exempt jurisdictions as the statute outlines that an exempt jurisdiction cannot enforce a more stringent than the state's adopted energy code.

The staff of the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) are happy to work with you if you have any questions related to the currently adopted state energy code language for one- and two-family dwellings. For questions, please contact the Electrical, Residential, and Marina Section Director, Joe White, at joseph.white@tn.gov, or (423) 388-5024.