

Metal Carport Type Buildings

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Today I issued a letter to a metal carport building supplier asking them to remind their clients that permits are likely required for construction of the building packages that they sell. I wanted to make you aware that buildings like this are being sold by several different suppliers and the clients are having them constructed often without permits. As you know, unless the buildings are exempt as indicated in the attached letter a permit is required and an electrical permit is always required if the building is to have an electrical system. These buildings are not “prescriptive” from the codes and require an engineer. Typically the suppliers provide a set of shop drawings if the client requests them. The NC Board of Engineers and Surveyors has indicated that shop drawings are not acceptable for a site specific project.

I will be issuing this letter to other metal building suppliers as I become aware of them, but you will not be copied on them. If you know of such a supplier please send me their name and address so that I can issue them a letter.

Thank you for your efforts in addressing this issue.

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TNT Carports, Inc.
170 Holly Springs Road
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Dear sirs,

It has been brought to our attention that some building structures provided by TNT Carports, Inc. are being constructed without building permits. N.C.G.S. 160D-1110 requires building permits for such structures unless exempted by NC General Statute or the NC State Building Codes. This letter is being issued to alert you to this fact so that you can remind your clients that permits are required for commercial construction and for residential construction unless:

1. It is exempted as a "farm use" as allowed in N.C.G.S. 143-134, paragraph (b4);
2. 2018 NC Building Code, Section 101.2 – Scope, exception #2 applies; or
3. 2018 NC Residential Code, Section R101.2.2, Item #6, exception applies.

The builder should not assume a building is exempt from permits and should verify prior to starting construction with the local building inspection department whether a permit is required as there may also be some zoning requirements that require a permit. All electrical system work requires a permit.

Thank you for assisting us in educating the public regarding this matter.

Regards,

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