

Notice to Building Departments

Local government offices and third-party code enforcement officers have contacted the Building Codes Council's staff seeking guidance on the duties and responsibilities of a building official whose services are contracted by a local municipality or county.

As a result, the Building Codes Council held a discussion regarding this matter at its meeting on February 3, 2026, and offered the following guidance.

It is the Council's interpretation that under the controlling authorities, the appointed building official (whether contracted or employed directly by a jurisdiction) is responsible for supervising all building codes enforcement officers in the department. Under this guidance, the building official appointed to a jurisdiction has the responsibility to oversee the supervision of new or existing code enforcement officers for that jurisdiction. This is in line with previous guidance offered by Council staff.

Relevant [statutes](#) and [regulations](#) include: S.C. Code Ann. Section 6-8-10 (1), (3) and (4); and S.C. Code of Regulations Sections 8-105 (3) and (6), 8-125 (A) and B).

If you have any questions, you may contact the Building Codes Council's staff at contact.bcc@llr.sc.gov.