

1 19A NCAC 02E .0421 is proposed for readoption without substantive changes as follows:

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3 **19A NCAC 02E .0421 UTILITY WIRES OR CABLES OVER HIGHWAYS**

4 (a) For purposes of this Rule, the American National Standards Institute's National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI  
5 Code) is incorporated by reference and includes any subsequent amendments and editions. The ANSI Code may be  
6 obtained from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., 445 Hoes Lane, P.O. Box 1331, Piscataway,  
7 New Jersey 08855-1331, telephone number 1-800-678-IEEE, at a cost of ~~forty-three~~ forty-three dollars and fifty cents  
8 (\$43.50).

9 (b) It shall be unlawful to construct any power, telephone, television, telegraph, or any other utility wires or cables  
10 over highways or roads on the State Highway System unless such wires have the minimum vertical clearance above  
11 the highest elevation of the road or highway crossed by ~~them as them.~~ The minimum vertical clearance shall be  
12 prescribed according to ~~in~~ the American National Standards Institute's National Electrical Safety Code for the  
13 installation and maintenance of electric supply and communication lines, as amended and as may be amended by the  
14 National Electrical Safety ~~Code; except~~ Code. However, a minimum vertical clearance of 18 feet shall be maintained  
15 for overhead power and communication lines crossing all highways. The lateral and vertical clearance from bridges  
16 shall conform with the National Electrical Safety Code; however, greater clearances at bridges may be required by the  
17 Department of Transportation to provide for bridge construction and maintenance. Parallel utility lines occupying  
18 highway ~~right-of-way~~ right-of-way shall maintain a minimum vertical clearance of 15.5 feet as stated in the National  
19 Electrical Safety Code.

20 ~~(c) Note: Rules~~ Rules for the preparation and submission of applications for utility encroachments can be found in  
21 19A NCAC 2B .0500.

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23 *History Note: Authority G.S. 136-18(10); 136-89.50; 136-93;*

24 *Eff. July 1, 1978;*

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