

1 19A NCAC 03D .0523 is proposed for readoption without substantive changes as follows:

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3 **19A NCAC 03D .0523 OPERATION OF SAFETY OR EXHAUST-EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS STATIONS**

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5 (a) The following information concerns posting requirements for Safety or Emissions Inspections Stations:~~Posting~~  
6 ~~information:~~

7 (1) Each station shall display in a conspicuous place the following:

8 (A) Official Safety Equipment or Safety Equipment ~~Exhaust~~-Emissions Inspection Procedure  
9 Poster;

10 (B) Safety Equipment or Safety Equipment ~~Exhaust~~-Emissions Inspection Station License;

11 (C) ~~All inspection mechanic~~-Mechanic licenses report issued by the North Carolina Division  
12 of Motor Vehicles; and

13 (D) On the outside of its building or immediately adjacent ~~thereto~~-thereto, a sign in block  
14 letters at least four inches in height bearing the words: OFFICIAL INSPECTION  
15 STATION.

16 (2) Station licenses shall be posted under a protective material in a frame under glass.

17 (b) Periodic Requirements for Licensed Inspection Mechanic. ~~At reasonable times, licensed~~-Licensed inspection  
18 mechanics may be periodically required by authorized law enforcement officers of the Division to demonstrate  
19 knowledge pertaining to the Safety Equipment or Safety Equipment ~~Exhaust~~-Emissions inspections in the presence  
20 of any such authorized officer.

21 (c) Location. Inspections shall be conducted only at the location shown on the inspection station's license and only  
22 in the designated inspection area. Trailers may be inspected outside of inspection area as long as they are attached to  
23 the engine unit.

24 (d) Vehicle presented to be inspected. Each station shall inspect any vehicle presented for inspection according to  
25 the year model, and type of engine except as provided in this section or when exempted from the emissions  
26 inspection by a waiver issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles ~~or his designated agent~~-Office. Stations  
27 without the proper equipment to inspect a motorcycle or a heavy duty vehicle is not required to conduct the  
28 inspection.

29 (e) Repairs. Inspection stations shall not in any manner attempt to require owners or operators of disapproved  
30 vehicles to have the vehicles repaired at the inspection station. The repairs necessary for approval may be made at  
31 any place chosen by the owner or operator of the vehicle. Permission must be obtained before making any repairs or  
32 adjustments. Requiring unnecessary repairs is prohibited.

33 (f) Hours of operation. Each licensed public station must be open for at least eight ~~normal~~-business hours, five days  
34 per week. Hours of operation must be posted in a conspicuous place outside of the business. Closures on official  
35 Official-State holidays are ~~excepted~~-accepted. A licensed inspection mechanic shall be on duty to conduct  
36 inspections during the hours specified.

- 1 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 20-2; 20-39; 20-183.4; 20-183.5;*
- 2 *Eff. October 1, ~~1994~~1994;*
- 3 *Readopted Eff. \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.*