

**26 NCAC 02C .0404      INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

- (a) The agency shall include an introductory statement immediately preceding each rule submitted to OAH for publication in the Code. This introductory statement shall contain the rule citation and the action taken.
- (b) If notice of the proposed action was published in the Register, the agency shall include the volume, issue and page or pages of the notice publication in the introductory statement.
- (c) If the text differs in any way from the proposed rule published in the Register, the agency shall include the underlined words "with changes" in the introductory statement.
- (d) When an agency repeals a rule that was noticed to be amended, the agency shall state that the rule was originally proposed to be amended but is repealed in the introductory statement.
- (e) If notice of the proposed rule was not required for publication in the Register, the agency shall include a citation to the statute exempting the rule from notice in the introductory statement.

*History Note:*      *Authority G.S. 150B-21.19;*  
                          *Temporary Adoption Eff. November 1, 1995;*  
                          *Eff. April 1, 1996;*  
                          *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. July 23, 2016.*