

## SECTION .0500 - DECLARATORY RULINGS

### 21 NCAC 02 .0501      PROCEDURE FOR DECLARATORY RULING

(a) The Board shall decide whether to grant or deny a request to make a declaratory ruling on the validity of a rule or on the applicability of particular facts to a statute or to a rule or order of the Board within 60 days of receiving the petition. The Board shall deny a request for a declaratory ruling when the Board deems the petition undesirable. The Board will ordinarily refuse to grant a petition for a declaratory ruling when there has been a similar factual determination in a contested case or one is likely to be made in a pending contested case or investigation.

(b) The Board will presume that its current rules are valid unless this presumption is rebutted by persuasive evidence as offered in the petition for the declaratory ruling. When the Board determines that a rule is invalid, the Board shall initiate rule-making proceedings and send written notice of the proceeding to the person who submitted the request.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 83A-6; 150B-17;  
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Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 13, 2015.*