

**26 NCAC 02C .0405      BODY OF THE RULE**

(a) An agency shall prepare for publication in the Code any permanent rule not published in the Register or that does not differ in any way from the proposed rule published in the Register according to the general format instructions in Rule .0108 of this Subchapter.

(b) If a permanent rule differs in any way from the proposed rule published in the Register, the following applies:

- (1) An agency shall identify changes in an adopted rule by striking through deleted portions, and underlining added portions. The unchanged text shall not be underlined.
- (2) An agency shall identify changes in an amended rule as follows:
  - (A) when text has been added, the text added shall be underlined and highlighted;
  - (B) when existing text has been deleted, the text deleted shall be struck through and highlighted;
  - (C) when text that was proposed to be deleted has been restored, the restored text shall be highlighted, but not underlined or struck through;
  - (D) when text that was proposed to be added has been deleted, the deleted proposed text shall be enclosed in brackets, struck through and highlighted; and
  - (E) when text is required to be highlighted, the highlighting shall be by highlight marker or shall be computer generated. The text shall show through the highlight and be clear and legible when reproduced.
- (3) If the agency repeals a rule originally noticed to be amended, then the agency shall submit the rule as a permanent repeal.

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