



# MOORESVILLE FIRE-RESCUE

## FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

### Primary Fire Limits

#### Purpose

The purpose of this guide is to outline the Primary Fire Limits within the Town of Mooresville. This guide will also list the location of the code requirements for the Primary Fire Limits as required by North Carolina General Statute and the North Carolina Building Code.

The Primary Fire Limits for any town, are a set of requirements put in place to protect areas that maybe vulnerable because of fire. Typically, these areas may be of historical value and contain buildings that run the risk of a devastating fire loss due to their construction.

#### Information

North Carolina General Statute 160A-436, as listed below details the restrictions within the Primary Fire Limits:

*“Within the primary fire limits of any city, as established and defined by ordinance, no frame or wooden building or structure or addition thereto shall hereafter be erected, altered, repaired, or moved (either into the limits or from one place to another within the limits), except upon the permit of the local inspection department approved by the City Council and by the Commissioner of Insurance or his designee. The City Council may make additional regulations for the prevention, extinguishment, or mitigation of fires within the primary fire limits.”*

The North Carolina Building Code Appendix D also provides information detailing requirements for the primary fire limits. The Iredell County Building Standards Division enforces the building code within the Town of Mooresville.

In addition, the North Carolina Department of Insurance and the Town of Mooresville Board of Commissioners may have to approve permits based on plan submissions.

In the Town of Mooresville, the Primary Fire Limits are established under the Town Ordinance Section 5.1, as detailed by state law as follows:

The primary fire limits of the Town shall be as follows: beginning at the intersection of Academy Street and McLelland Avenue; thence running east along McLelland Avenue to the center of Church Street; thence north along Church Street to the center of Iredell Avenue to the intersection of Iredell Avenue and Broad Street; thence south along Broad Street to the intersection of Broad Street and Moore Avenue; thence west along Moore Avenue to the center of Academy Street; thence along Academy Street to the point of beginning.  
(Code 1975, § 4.14)

**State law references:** Authority to create fire limits, G.S. 160A-435.



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View of Primary Fire Limits, Town of Mooreville



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