

“NFPA” shall mean the National Fire Protection Association.

## **1.2 REFERENCES**

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, references in this Ordinance to an Article or Section shall mean the specified Article or Section of this Ordinance. Words of any gender or the neuter used in this Ordinance shall be deemed to include the other gender or the neuter and words in the singular shall be deemed to include the plural and the plural to include the singular when the context so requires.

## **2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

### **2.1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Construction Codes.

### **2.2 CODE REMEDIAL**

2.2.1 GENERAL. The Construction Codes are hereby declared to be remedial, and shall be construed to secure the beneficial interests and purposes thereof – which are public safety, health, and general welfare – through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment including alteration, repair, removal, demolition, use and occupancy of buildings, structures, or premises, and by regulating the installation and maintenance of all electrical, gas, mechanical, and plumbing systems, which may be referred to as service systems.

2.2.2 QUALITY CONTROL. Quality control of materials and workmanship is not within the purview of the Construction Codes except as it relates to the purposes stated therein.

2.2.3 PERMITTING AND INSPECTION. The permitting or inspecting of any building, system or plan, under the requirements of the Construction Codes shall not be construed in any court as a warranty of the physical condition of such building, system, or plan or their adequacy. Neither Lowndes County, nor any employee thereof, shall be liable in tort for damages for any defect or hazardous or illegal condition or inadequacy in such building, system or plan, nor for any failure of any component of such, which may occur subsequent to such permitting or inspection.

### **2.3 SCOPE**

#### **2.3.1 APPLICABILITY.**

2.3.1.1 GENERAL. Where, in any specific case, different sections of the Construction Codes specify different materials, methods of construction or other requirements, the most restrictive shall govern. Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall be applicable.