

**§ 160A-414. Financial support; fee collection, accounting, and use limitation.**

(a) A city council may appropriate any available funds for the support of its inspection department any funds that it deems necessary. It may provide for paying inspectors fixed salaries or it may reimburse them for their services by paying over part or all of any fees collected. It may fix reasonable fees for issuing permits, for inspections, and for other services of the inspection department.

(b) When an inspection, for which the permit holder has paid a fee to the city, is performed by a marketplace pool Code-enforcement official upon request of the Insurance Commissioner under G.S. 143-151.12(9)a., the city shall promptly return to the permit holder the fee collected by the city for such inspection. This applies to the following inspections: plumbing, electrical systems, general building restrictions and regulations, heating and air-conditioning, and the general construction of buildings.

(c) All fees collected under this section shall be used for support of the administration and activities of the inspection department and for no other purpose. (1969, c. 1065, s. 1; 1971, c. 698, s. 1; 2015-145, s. 7.2; 2018-29, s. 3(b).)