101.46  DEFINITION OF [INTENT] [INTENTIONALLY].

A person acts intentionally if he desires to cause the consequences of his act or believes that the consequences are substantially certain to occur.\(^1\) Intent may be proven by direct evidence or inferred from the circumstances.\(^2\)

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\(^2\) See, e.g., Foster v. Hyman, 197 N.C. 189, 192, 148 S.E.2d 36, 38 (1929) (alteration in original) (citation omitted in original) ("[T]he intention to inflict injury may be constructive. . . . where the wrongdoer’s conduct is so reckless or so manifestly indifferent to the consequences, where the safety of life or limb is involved, as to justify a finding of willfulness and wantonness equivalent in spirit to an actual intent.").