

**North Carolina General Assembly Legislation with Potential Impact on the City of Asheville Budget - 2015 Regular Session - Updated 2/16/15**

<b>Advocacy Principle: <i>Municipal Authority</i></b>					
Policy Issue	Bills	Monitor	Bill Notes	Legislative Agenda	Status
<b>Eminent Domain</b>	<a href="#">H3/ S74 Eminent Domain.</a>		This act amends the Constitution to include prohibition of condemnation of private property except for a public use, to provide for the payment of just compensation with right of trial by jury in all condemnation cases, and to make similar statutory changes.		(House) 1/28/15 Passed 1st Reading; 2/5/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 2/10/15 Passed 3rd Reading; (Senate) 2/11/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
<b>Drones</b>	<a href="#">H4 Clarify Unmanned Aircraft System Law.</a>		This law gives agencies and agents of the state or a political subdivision of the state the authority to use unmanned aircraft systems upon the approval of the state Chief Information Officer.		(House) 1/29/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Judiciary I
<b>Advocacy Principle: <i>Municipal Revenue</i></b>					
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<b>Transportation Funding</b>	<a href="#">SB 20 IRC Update/Motor Fuel Tax Changes</a>		The bill will very quickly cut the state motor fuels tax by 2.5 cents per gallon, but subsequently create a new, higher floor for the tax which should provide stability for the transportation revenue stream going forward. Cities and towns maintain the majority of road miles within their borders, and roughly one quarter of the money spent for this purpose comes from state Powell Bill funds. If the gas tax remains unchanged, it is expected to fall by as much as 6 to 8 cents per gallon.		
<b>Advocacy Principle: <i>Economic Vitality</i></b>					
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<b>Economic Development Programs</b>	<a href="#">H89 Omnibus Economic Development Improvements.</a>			✓	(House) 2/12/15 Filed

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<b>Advocacy Principle:</b>		<i>City Services</i>				
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<b>Parking Meters</b>	<a href="#">H43/ S8 Winston-Salem/Parking Meters.</a>		This bill allows parking meters in Winston-Salem to be activated by coins, tokens, cash, credit cards, debit cards, or electronic means. The Asheville City Council requested similar state-wide authority through its Legislative Agenda.	✓	(House) 2/5 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Local Government; (Senate) 2/2 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	
	<a href="#">S52 Cities/Mean For Activating Parking Meters.</a>		This bill allows parking meters to be activated by coins, tokens, cash, credit cards, debit cards, or electronic means. The Asheville City Council requested this state-wide authority through its Legislative Agenda.	✓	(Senate) 2/11/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On State and Local Government	
<b>Advocacy Principle:</b>		<i>Community Standards</i>				
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<b>Design and Aesthetic Controls</b>	<a href="#">H36/ S25 Zoning/Design and Aesthetic Controls.</a>		This legislation would prevent municipalities from imposing design and aesthetic controls on certain family dwellings, including exterior color, roof style, location of windows and doors, etc. Historic districts are exempted from this bill.	✓	(House) 2/4/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Local Government; (Senate) 2/4/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	
<b>Overgrown Vegetation Notice</b>	<a href="#">H44/ S53 Cities/Overgrown Vegetation Notice.</a>		This bill authorizes cities to provide annual notice to chronic violators of overgrown vegetation ordinances by regular mail and posting.		(House) 2/5 Passed 1st Reading; Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Regulatory Reform; (Senate) 2/11/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 2/11/15 Withdrawn From Com; 2/11/15 Re-ref Com On Judiciary II	

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Advocacy Principle:		Environmental Stewardship				
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<b>Hydraulic Fracturing</b>	<a href="#">H76/ S72 Disapprove MEC Oil and Gas Rules.</a>	  	This bill disapproves a rule adopted by the Mining and Energy Commission providing for management of oil or gas exploration and development.			(House) 2/12/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref to the Com on Commerce and Job Development, if favorable, Regulatory Reform, if favorable, Environment, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; (Senate) 2/12/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
 = Consistent with City of Asheville Interests  = Monitor  = Potentially Inconsistent with City of Asheville Interests		 = Consistant with the Asheville City Council's Legislative Agenda  = Inconsistant with the Asheville City Council's Legislative Agenda				