

North Carolina General Assembly Legislation with Potential Impact on the City of Asheville Budget - 2015 Regular Session - Updated 7/23/15

Advocacy Principle: *Municipal Authority*

Like all municipalities in North Carolina, Asheville has unique economic, environmental, and cultural interests. Maintaining municipal authority to promote, regulate, and celebrate these interests is essential to enable local officials to best address local needs.

Policy Issue	Bills	Monitor	Bill Notes	Legislative Agenda	Cross Over	Status
Eminent Domain	H3/S74 Eminent Domain.		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.		Passed Cross Over	(House) 1/14/15 Filed; 1/28/15 Passed 1st Reading; 2/5/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 2/10/15 Passed 3rd Reading; (Senate) 2/12/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
	H875 Restrict Municipal Eminent Domain.		H875 would require county commission approval of all municipal condemnation actions outside a municipality's corporate limits (with limited exceptions). The bill essentially gives county commissioners a veto over municipal officials' decisions. - Converted to a local bill.		Passed Cross Over	(House) 4/14/15 Filed; 4/15/15 Passed 1st Reading; 4/30/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Special Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/30/15 Special Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Stomwater Management to Private Property	H141 Stormwater/Flood Control Activities.				Passed Cross Over	(House) 3/3/15 Filed; 3/4/15 Passed 1st Reading; 4/28/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Ordered Engrossed; 4/29/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/29/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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Bicycle Safety	H232 Study/Update Bicycle Safety Laws.		This bill directs the Department of Transportation to perform a study on the bicycle safety laws in North Carolina and provide recommendations as to how the laws may be revised to better ensure the safety of bicyclists and motorists on the roadways.		Passed	(House) 3/16/15 Passed 1st Reading; 3/31/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; 4/1/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/1/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; 5/21/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Ordered Enrolled
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<p>Digital Dispatching Services</p>	<p>H680/ S541 Regulate Transportation Network Companies.</p>					<p>(House) 4/13/15 Filed; 4/13/15 House Filed; 4/14/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref to the Com on Commerce and Job Development, if favorable, Transportation, if favorable, Finance (Senate) 3/26/15 Filed; 3/30/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 4/9/15 Withdrawn From Com; 4/9/15 Re-ref to Transportation. If fav, re-ref to Finance; 7/1/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted; Re-ref Com On Finance; 7/21/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted; 7/22/15 Passed 2nd Reading</p>
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<p>Drones</p>	<p>H4 Clarify Unmanned Aircraft System Law.</p>		<p>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.</p>		<p>Passed Cross Over</p>	<p>(House) 1/28/15 Filed; 1/29/15 Passed 1st Reading; 4/29/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; 4/30/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/30/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 5/5/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources</p>
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Advocacy Principle: *Municipal Revenue*

The fiscal health and responsibility of municipalities require stable revenue sources that are proportionate to the need for local services. Responsible fiscal management requires the protection of revenue sources both under, and outside of, municipal control.

Policy Issue	Bills	Monitor	Bill Notes	Legislative Agenda	Cross Over	Status
Transportation Funding	S20/ H40 IRC Update/Motor Fuel Tax Changes		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.		Ch. SL 2015-2	(Senate) 2/4/15 Passed 1st Reading; 2/11/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 2/12/15 Passed 3rd Reading; Engrossed; (House) 2/18/15 Passed 1st Reading; 3/4/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 3/5/15 Passed 3rd Reading; 3/5/15 Engrossed; 3/31/15 Ratified; Pres. To Gov.; Signed by Gov.; Ch. SL 2015-2
	S639 Transportation Funding Bill.		S639 establishes a new method for funding transportation, combining a reduced gas tax and increased vehicle fees; requires a voter referendum for any highway toll project.		Not Subject to Cross Over	(Senate) 3/26/15 Filed; 3/30/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 6/24/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Transportation

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Local Debt	H128 Referendum for Certain Local Debt.		H128 would allow voters to force a referendum on debt secured by local issuances of certificates of participation (COPs) and other non-general obligation bond indebtedness. H128 would require a referendum on all borrowing for local government capital projects when 5 percent of that local government's voters sign a petition requesting a vote. In 1991, the North Carolina Supreme Court upheld local governments' use of certificates of participation and other "special indebtedness" that does not require a voter referendum. Since then, both local governments and the state have extensively used this form of borrowing, with the state having last put a bond referendum before voters in 2000. The General Assembly in 2013 placed limits on the state's use of state special indebtedness going forward.		Did Not Pass Cross Over	(House) 3/3/15 Filed; 3/4/15 Passed 1st Reading; 3/4/15 Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Elections; 4/23/15 Reptd Unfav
Tax Value for Property Improvements	H168/ S321 Exempt Builders' Inventory.		H168 would exclude from builders' property taxes any increase in property value attributable to subdivision or other improvements made to the property until the builder sold the property. H168 would limit the amount of time a builder could exclude the improved property value from taxation to five years.			(House) 3/5/15 Filed; 3/9/15 Passed 1st Reading; 3/9/15 Ref To Com On Finance; 6/16/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); 6/17/15 Amend Adopted A1; Amend Adopted A2; Passed 2nd Reading; Amend Adopted A3; Passed 3rd Reading; Ordered Engrossed; (Senate) 6/18/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate 6/29/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref to Commerce. If fav, re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget; 6/30/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted; Re-ref Com On Finance; 7/22/15 Reptd Fav; Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
Legal Notices	H156/ S129 Legal Notices/Require Internet Publication.		This bill requires Internet Web site publication of legal notices. Legislators in both chambers filed companion electronic notice bills Wednesday that failed to allow municipalities the option to publish their own electronic legal public notices in lieu of publication in a newspaper. Instead of granting that authority to local governments, H156/ S129 Legal Notices/Require Internet Publication would continue a monopoly for the press regarding electronic notice while providing little or no financial relief for taxpayers. H156/S 129 would require newspapers to publish legal notices online at no additional charge, when a governmental entity had paid for the statutorily-required print notice.		Passed Cross Over	(House) 3/4/15 Filed; 3/5/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Judiciary III; 3/30/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; 3/31/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate (Senate) 3/31/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On State and Local Government; 6/9/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Finance

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PSAPs	H730 County Provide 911 Dispatch Services.				Passed Cross Over	(House) 4/14/15 Filed; 4/15/15 Passed 1st Reading; 4/27/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 4/28/15 Passed 3rd Reading; Ordered Engrossed; 4/29/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/29/15 Regular Message Received From House; 4/30/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 7/15/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Finance
	H512 Amend/Clarify Back-Up PSAP Requirements.		H512 would give local governments more flexibility in meeting requirements that primary 911 centers have back-up capability. The Senate version of HB 512 Amend/Clarify Back-Up PSAP Requirements also includes a provision that would prevent municipalities from being additionally charged for county services when those services are already funded through county property taxes. Specifically, the bill would, in many circumstances, prevent municipal taxpayers from paying for the operation of county-run 911 center if those taxpayers' county ad valorem taxes are already going to pay for that operation. The Senate added language so that the protection does not supersede any existing agreements between cities and counties. The bill now goes back the House for consideration of the Senate changes.		Passed Cross Over	(House) 4/1/15 Filed; 4/2/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Local Government; Ref To Com On Local Government; 4/27/15 Reptd Fav; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Added to Calendar; Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; 4/28/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/28/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 5/22/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Judiciary I; 7/2/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted; Placed On Cal For 7/14/15; 7/15/15 Amend Adopted A1; Amend Adopted A2; Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Engrossed; 7/16/15 Regular Message Sent To House; (House) 7/16/15 Regular Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub; 7/20/15; Cal Pursuant 36(b); Placed On Cal For 7/21/15; Failed Concur In S Com Sub; 7/21/15 Conf Com Appointed
Local Options Sales Tax	H903 County Tax Flexibility/Municipal Rev Opts.		H903 gives cities the option to levy a quarter-cent city-only sales tax by resolution. Currently sales tax money flows through counties, and cities only receive about 35 percent of local sales tax revenue. There is no requirement, but H903 gives cities the option to levy this tax if they so choose. H90s is still eligible for consideration but has not yet been heard or voted on.			(House) 4/15/15 Filed; 4/16/15; Passed 1st Reading; Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Finance

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<p>Nonprofits</p>	<p>H430/ S422 County Omnibus Legislation.</p>		<p>H430/ S422 creates a study commission on payment in lieu of taxes relating to state properties in local government jurisdictions, with two appointments by the League and four by the N.C. Association of County Commissioners; also directs a legislative study of noxious aquatic weeds that endanger water supplies.</p>		<p>Not Subject to Cross Over</p>	<p>(House) 3/31/15 Filed; 4/1/15 Passed 1st Reading; 4/1/15 Ref to the Com on Environment, if favorable, Finance; 4/16/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Re-ref Com On Finance; 5/7/15 Reptd Fav; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Added to Calendar; Amend Adopted; 5/7/15 Withdrawn From Cal; Amend Pending; Placed On Cal For 5/12/15; 05/12/2015 Withdrawn From Cal; Ordered Engrossed; Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House (Senate) 3/25/15 Filed; 3/26/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 4/22/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref to Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If fav, re-ref to Finance</p>
<p>Privilege License Tax</p>	<p>H739 Repeal Business License Fees.</p>				<p>Passed Cross Over</p>	<p>(House) 4/14/15 Filed; Passed 1st Reading; 4/29/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; 4/30/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/30/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate</p>

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Local Government Employees Retirement System (LGERS)	H616 Local Governmental Employees' Retire. COLA.				Passed Cross Over	(House) 4/9/15 Filed; 4/13/15 Passed 1st Reading; 4/29/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; 4/30/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/30/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate;	
	H759 Retirement System COLAs.				Not Subject to Cross Over	(House) 4/14/15 Filed; Passed 1st Reading; 4/15/15 Ref to the Com on Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Appropriations; 5/12/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Serial Referral To Appropriations Stricken; Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	
Site Development Loans	H108 Site and Building Development Fund		This bill provides a fund to provide loans to local government units to develop sites and buildings.			Passed Cross Over	(House) 2/27/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref to the Com on Commerce and Job Development, if favorable, Appropriations; 3/18/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Re-ref Com On Appropriations; 4/13/15 Withdrawn From Com; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Placed On Cal For 4/14/15; 4/14/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 4/15/15 Amend Adopted; Amend Failed; Passed 3rd Reading; Ordered Engrossed; 4/16/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/16/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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Advocacy Principle: Mandates

Unfunded and burdensome legislative and regulatory mandates undermine the efficiency, effectiveness and success of municipal programs and services.

Policy Issue	Bills	Monitor	Bill Notes	Legislative Agenda	Cross Over	Status
E-Verify	H318 Protect North Carolina Workers Act.		This bill will increase the number of employers who are required to participate in the federal e-verify program; to undo the e-verify changes enacted in S.L. 2014-119; to repeal the e-verify exemption for temporary employees; to exclude farm workers from the definition of employee; to give the Department of Labor the authority to enforce e-verify requirements pertaining to county and city contractors and subcontractors; and to provide that certain consulate or embassy documents may not be used to determine a person's identification or residence for governmental and law enforcement purposes.		Passed Cross Over	(House) 3/19/15 Filed; 3/23/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref to the Com on Commerce and Job Development, if favorable, Judiciary IV; 4/15/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Re-ref Com On Judiciary IV; 4/22/15 Reptd Fav Com Sub; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Placed On Cal For 4/23/15; 4/23/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/27/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Police Body/ Dashboard Cameras	H713 Body & Dash Cam Recording/Public Access.				Passed Cross Over	(House) 4/14/15 Filed; 4/15/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Judiciary I; 4/22/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Added to Calendar; Withdrawn From Cal; Postponed To 4/23/15; 4/23/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Regular Message Sent To Senate; 4/27/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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Advocacy Principle: *Economic Vitality*

An economically vital community enables Asheville to provide for opportunity, mobility, and a high quality of life for its residents.

Policy Issue	Bills	Monitor	Bill Notes	Legislative Agenda	Cross Over	Status
Economic Development	H117 NC Competes Act.		H117 NC Competes Act would double an existing cap on funding for the state's key jobs recruitment program, the Jobs Development Investment Grant program. It also would restore money for an infrastructure grant program.		Passed Cross Over	(House) 2/24/15 Filed; 2/27/15 Passed 1st Reading; 3/4/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 3/5/15 Passed 3rd Reading; Engrossed; (Senate) 3/9/15 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 3/23/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Finance; 6/4/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Commerce; 6/4/15 Sequential Referral To Finance Added

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Jobs Development Investment Grant	S326 Increase JDIG Program Funding.				Passed Cross Over	(Senate) 3/19/2015 Passed 1st Reading; 3/24/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Special Message Sent To House; (House) 3/24/15 Special Message Received From Senate; Passed 1st Reading; 3/25/15 Ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, Appropriations
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Historic Preservation Tax Credits	H152/ S287 New Historic Preservation Tax Credit.		H152 would create an historic tax credit of 10 to 20 percent of expenses, depending on the size of the renovation project and where it occurred. In poorer, Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties and for projects under \$10 million, the higher percentage would apply. A previous state historic tax credit, worth up to 30 percent of a project's value, expired on Dec. 31.	✓	Passed Cross Over	(House) 3/4/15 Filed; 3/5/15 Passed 1st Reading; 3/25/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 3/26/15 Passed 3rd Reading; (Senate) 3/30/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Ways & Means
Film Grant Fund	H171/ S193 Modify Film Grant Fund.		H171/ S193 would put \$66 million toward the state's film incentive grants established last year in lieu of a film and TV production tax credit. That program has \$10 million currently appropriated to it.	✓	Not Subject to Cross Over	(House) 3/5/15 Filed; 3/9/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Finance; (Senate) 3/5/15 Filed; 3/9/15 Passed 1st Reading; 3/9/15 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 3/18/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref to Commerce. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget
	S472 Local Incentives for Historic Rehabilitation.				Passed Cross Over	(Senate) 3/25/15 Filed; 3/26/15 Passed 1st Reading; 4/29/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 4/29/15 Passed 3rd Reading; 4/30/15 Regular Message Sent To House; (House) Regular Message Received From Senate; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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<p>State Budget</p>	<p>H97 2015 Appropriations Act.</p>		<p>H97 increases overall state spending by 6.3%, includes historic rehabilitation tax credit program, includes additional money for film grant program, and increases money going to grant programs cities utilize, such as Clean Water Management Trust Fund, state water and wastewater infrastructure grant programs, and Main Street Solutions program. Things of concern for cities: H97 reduces gas tax, which would reduce municipal streets funding (Powell Bill funds) by approximately 5% beginning in Fiscal Year 2016-17, and includes a study of issues related to police body cameras, including implementation, training, and records retention and access.</p>		<p>Not Subject to Cross Over</p>	<p>(House) 2/23/15 Filed; 2/24/15 Passed 1st Reading; 5/21/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 5/22/15 Passed 3rd Reading; Ordered Engrossed; 5/26/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Pensions & Retirement and Aging; 6/16/15 Reptd Fav Com Sub with Unengrossed Amend; Com Amend.s Adopted A1-A11; Re-ref Com On Finance; Reptd Fav; Re-ref Com On Pensions & Retirement and Aging; Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted; 6/17/15 Amend.s Adopted A1-A3, A6, A8, A11, A14, A16, A18, A20, A22, A23, A25-A29; Amend.s Withdrawn A4, A12; Amend Failed A5, A7, A9, A10, A13, A15, A17, A19, A21, A24; Passed 2nd Reading; 6/18/15 Passed 3rd Reading; Engrossed; Regular Message Sent To House; (House) Regular Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub; 6/23/15 Added to Calendar Cal; Failed Concur In S Com Sub; (House) 7/14/15 Conf Com Appointed; (Senate) 7/16/15 Conf Com Appointed</p>
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Advocacy Principle: City Services

The City of Asheville, which provides high quality services to meet the dynamic needs of its residents, requires adequate authority and flexibility to finance, operate, and manage these services.

Policy Issue	Bills	Monitor	Bill Notes	Legislative Agenda	Cross Over	Status
Parking Meters	S52 Cities/Mean For Activating Parking Meters.		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.	✓	Passed Cross Over	(Senate) 2/11/15 Passed 1st Reading; 4/1/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; (House) 4/6/15 Passed 1st Reading; 4/6/15 Ref To Com On Local Government
Water Services	H874 Cities/Availability Charge/Improved Property					(House) 4/14/15 Filed; 4/15/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Finance; 5/18/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Re-ref Com On Finance; 6/18/15 Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Placed On Cal For 6/23/15; 6/23/15 Withdrawn From Cal; Re-ref Com On Judiciary II
Body Cameras	H713 Body & Dash Cam Recording/Public Access.				Passed Cross Over	(House) 4/14/15 Filed; 4/15/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Judiciary I; 4/22/15 Reptd Fav Com; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Added to Calendar; Withdrawn From Cal; Postponed To 4/23/15; 4/23/15; Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/27/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
	H811 Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera/Study.				Passed Cross Over	(House) 4/14/15 Filed; 4/15/15 Passed 1st Reading; 4/27/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; 4/28/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/28/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Fireworks	H367 NC Consumer Fireworks Safety Act.		H367 would legalize all 1.4g fireworks. Though a city may opt out under one section, unregulated fireworks could be brought into the city to discharge.			(House) 3/26/15 Filed; 3/30/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref to the Com on Regulatory Reform, if favorable, Finance; 7/20/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Finance
Provision of Services	H348/ S550 NC Religious Freedom Restoration Act.		H 348/ S550 establishes new legal standards for measuring whether the actions of State and local governments burden the exercise of religion.			(House) 3/24/15 Filed; 3/26/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Judiciary I; Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Judiciary IV; (Senate) 3/26/15 Filed; 3/30/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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Advocacy Principle: Community Standards

Asheville, the largest city in Western North Carolina, is nationally known for its natural beauty, rich architectural legacy, and entrepreneurial energy. In order to promote economic vitality in a manner that maintains the unique features that make our community a desirable place to live, work, and play, municipalities and local officials need to be enabled with the tools and authority to make local decisions.

Policy Issue	Bills	Monitor	Bill Notes	Legislative Agenda	Cross Over	Status	
Planning and Zoning	S617 Local Government Reg. Reform.		S617 addresses complications created by a recent court decision that placed infeasible requirements on local government finance officers for pre-audit certifications of all disbursements; allows owners of property that is partially in a county and partially in a municipality to choose which government's development ordinances would apply to development of the entire tract; requires local governments that provide electric vehicle charging stations to charge user fees to recoup costs; requires a supermajority when the N.C. Board of Transportation takes a vote to approve reduction of travel lanes for state roads within municipalities to accommodate bike travel lanes; permits local governments to lease property for the purposes of telecommunications towers for a period of up to 25 years without treating the lease as a sale; among other provisions, restricts city and county authority to require compliance with State rules or regulations that were deemed voluntary, regulate hospital or free-standing emergency room signage, regulate ownership or possession of five or fewer beehives			(Senate) 3/26/15 Filed; 3/30/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 4/20/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref to Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If fav, re-ref to Finance	
	H548 Zoning/Modernize & Reorganize.				Passed Cross Over	(House) 4/2/15 Filed; Rules Suspended; Passed 1st Reading; 4/30/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 4/30/15 Passed 3rd Reading; Ordered Engrossed; Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/30/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	
	H483 Land Use Regulatory Changes.					Passed Cross Over	(House) 4/1/15 Filed; 4/2/15 Passed 1st Reading; 4/28/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 4/29/15 Passed 3rd Reading; Ordered Engrossed; 4/30/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/30/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
	H721 Subdivision Ordinance/Land Develop. Changes.					Passed Cross Over	(House) 4/14/15 Filed; 4/15/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Judiciary IV; 4/22/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Added to Calendar; Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; 4/23/15; Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/23/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 5/22/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref to Judiciary II. If fav, re-ref to State and Local Government; 7/16/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted; Re-ref Com On State and Local Government; 7/21/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted; 7/22/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; 7/23/15 Regular Message Sent To House

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Building Code and Inspections	H255/ S324 Building Code Reg. Reform.		Gov. Pat McCrory signed into law HB 255 Building Code Reg. Reform, which puts tighter standards in place regarding the conduct of local building inspectors.		Ratified	(House) 3/18/2015 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Regulatory Reform; 3/31/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; 3/31/15 Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); 4/1/15 Withdrawn From Cal; Re-ref Com On Finance; 4/14/15 Reptd Fav Com Sub; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Amend Adopted; Amend Adopted; Amend Adopted; Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Ordered Engrossed; 4/15/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/15/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 6/1/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources; 6/24/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted; 6/25/15 Amend Adopted A1; Passed 2nd Reading; Amend Adopted A2; Passed 3rd Reading; Engrossed; 6/29/15 Regular Message Sent To House; (House) Regular Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub; 6/30/15 Cal Pursuant 36(b); Placed On Cal For 7/1/15; 7/1/15 Concurred In S/Com Sub; Ordered Enrolled; 7/2/15 Ratified; 7/6/15 Pres. To Gov.
	H530/ S442 Local Gov'ts/Inspect Bldgs & Structures.					(House) 4/1/15 Filed; 4/2/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Regulatory Reform; 4/16/15 Reptd Fav; Re-ref Com On Regulatory Reform; 4/28/15 Serial Referral To Finance Added (Senate) 3/25/15 Filed; 3/26/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Graffiti Penalties	H552 Graffiti Vandalism.		Would make the act of graffiti vandalism a Class I felony if either of the following applies: 1) The cost to repair damage caused by the violation is in excess of \$1,000. 2) The person has 2 or more prior convictions. If a person is convicted of 5 or more violations in a single session of district court or in a single week of superior court, and at least 5 of the offenses occurred within a 60-day period, the court shall consolidate the offenses for judgment and the consolidated offenses shall be punishable as a Class I felony.	✓	Ch. SL 2015-72	(House) 4/2/15 Filed; 4/6/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref to the Com on Judiciary II, if favorable, Finance; 4/15/15 Serial Referral To Finance Stricken; Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Added to Calendar; Amend Adopted A1; Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Ordered Engrossed; 4/16/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/16/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 5/11/15 Withdrawn From Com; 5/11/15 Re-ref Com On Judiciary I; 5/21/15 Senate Reptd Fav; Placed On Cal For 5/26/15; 5/26/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 5/27/15 Amend Adopted A1; Passed 3rd Reading; 5/28/15 Regular Message Sent To House; (House) 5/28/15 Regular Message Received For Concurrence in S Amend; 6/1/15 Cal Pursuant 36(b); Added to Calendar; Concurred In S Amend SA1; Ordered Enrolled; 6/2/15 Ratified; 6/3/15 Pres. To Gov.; 6/11/15 Signed by Gov.; Ch. SL 2015-72
	H626 Amend Prop Damage Offenses.					Passed Cross Over

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<p>Protest Petitions</p>	<p>H201 Zoning Changes/Citizen Input.</p>		<p>The House passed HB 201 Zoning Changes/Citizen Input last week, and has been sent to Governor McCrory for signature. The protest petition process had allowed adjacent property owners to force a three-fourths supermajority vote on city council land use decisions such as rezonings. In place of the petition, the law would allow for advance written public comment on any proposed rezoning, which the municipality's clerk would be required to deliver to board members at least two days in advance of any vote.</p>		<p>Ratified</p>	<p>(House) 3/11/15 Passed 1st Reading; 3/19/15 Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); 3/24/15 Amend Failed; Passed 2nd Reading; 3/25/15 Amend Adopted; Passed 3rd Reading; Ordered Engrossed; (Senate) 3/26/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 6/1/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Commerce; 6/30/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted 7/1/15; Amend Failed A1; Passed 2nd Reading; 7/2/15 Passed 3rd Reading; 7/13/15 Regular Message Sent To House; (House) 7/13/15 Regular Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub; 7/14/15 Cal Pursuant 36(b); Placed On Cal For 7/15/15; 7/15/15 Concurred In S/Com Sub; Ordered Enrolled; 7/16/15 Ratified; 7/17/15 Pres. To Gov.</p>
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Regulatory Reform	H760 Regulatory Reform Act of 2015.		H760 Regulatory Reform Act of 2015 - As amended, this bill would still eliminate local governments' ability to implement stormwater programs that exceed the state's model stormwater ordinance and limit local governments' use of buffers for compliance with water supply watershed requirements or to implement the MS4 program including the post construction requirements. The bill also requires that a city's zoning ordinance must provide density credits or severable development rights for dedicated rights-of-way; allows local governments to lease property for communications towers, facilities, and equipment for up to 25 years; requires local governments' building inspection departments to accept and approve a design certified by a licensed architect or engineer and exempts inspectors from liability; and limits local governments in the adoption of land use planning ordinances from using a definition of bedroom that exceeds any definition of the same in another statute or rule.			(House) 4/14/15 Filed; Passed 1st Reading; 4/30/15 Passed 2nd Reading; 5/6/15 Passed 3rd Reading; 5/6/15 Ordered Engrossed; 5/7/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 5/7/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref to Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If fav, re-ref to Finance
	H765 Regulatory Reform Act of 2015.					(House) 4/14/15 Filed; 4/15/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Environment; 4/23/15 Reptd Fav; 4/23/15 Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Added to Calendar; Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/27/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 6/1/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources; 6/29/15 Sequential Referral To Finance Added; Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted; Re-ref Com On Finance; 6/30/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted; 7/1/15 Amend Adopted A1-A6, A11; Amend Failed A7-A10, A12, A13; Passed 2nd Reading; 7/2/15 Amend Adopted A14, A15; Passed 3rd Reading; Engrossed; 7/13/15 Regular Message Sent To House; (House) 7/13/15 Regular Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub; 7/14/15 Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Withdrawn From Cal; Re-ref Com On Environment; 7/21/15 Reptd Unfav For Conc; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Placed On Cal For 7/22/15; 7/22/15; Failed Concur In S Com Sub; Conf Com Appointed
	H44/ S53 Local Government Regulatory Reform 2015.					Passed Cross Over (House) 2/3/15 Filed; 2/5/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Regulatory Reform; 3/9/15 Reptd Fav; Re-ref Com On Regulatory Reform; 4/21/15 Reptd Fav; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Added to Calendar; Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; 4/22/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/22/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 6/1/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources; 6/10/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted; 6/11/15 Amend Adopted A1, A2; Amend Failed A3; Passed 2nd Reading; 6/15/15 Amend Adopted A4, A7; Amend Failed A5; Amendment Withdrawn A6; Passed 3rd Reading; Engrossed; 6/16/15 Regular Message Sent To House; (House) 6/17/15 Regular Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub; Cal Pursuant 36(b); Added to Calendar; Failed Concur In S Com Sub; Conf Com Appointed; 6/30/15 Conf Com Appointed

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	H836 Local Government Regulatory Reform.				<p align="center">Ch. SL 2015-103</p>	<p>(House) 4/14/15 Filed; 4/15/15 Passed 1st Reading; Passed 2nd Reading; 4/28/15 Passed 3rd Reading; 4/29/15 Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/29/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 6/10/15 Reptd Fav Com Substitute; Com Substitute Adopted; 6/11/15 Amend Adopted A1; Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Engrossed; 6/15/15 Special Message Sent To House; (House) 6/15/15 Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Added to Calendar; Failed Concur In S Com Sub; Conf Com Appointed; (Senate) 6/16/15 Conf Com Appointed; 6/18/15 Conf Com Reported; Placed on Calendar; Conf Report Adopted; Conf Com Reported; (House) 6/18/15 Added to Calendar; Conf Report Adopted; Ordered Enrolled; 6/22/15 Ratified; Pres. To Gov; Signed by Gov.; Ch. SL 2015-103</p>
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<p>Design and Aesthetic Controls</p>	<p>H36/ S25 Zoning/Design and Aesthetic Controls.</p>		<p>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. S25 has passed the Senate and could be considered by House.</p>	<p align="center">✓</p>	<p>Ch. SL 2015-86</p>	<p>(Senate) 2/3/15 Filed; 2/4/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate; 4/20/15 Withdrawn From Com; Re-ref Com On Commerce; 4/23/15 Reptd Fav; 4/27/15 Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; 4/28/15 Regular Message Sent To House; (House) 4/28/15 Regular Message Received From Senate; 4/29/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Regulatory Reform; 6/8/15 Reptd Fav; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Placed On Cal For 6/9/15; Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Ordered Enrolled; 6/10/15 Ratified; 6/11/15 Pres. To Gov.; 6/19/15 Signed by Gov.; Ch. SL 2015-86</p>
<p>Municipal Elections</p>	<p>H402 Study Municipal Elections in Even Years.</p>				<p>Passed Cross Over</p>	<p>(House) 3/31/15 Filed; 4/1/15 Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Elections; 4/16/15 Reptd Fav; Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b); Added to Calendar; Passed 2nd Reading; Passed 3rd Reading; Regular Message Sent To Senate; (Senate) 4/20/15 Regular Message Received From House; Passed 1st Reading; Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate</p>

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