

North Carolina General Assembly Legislation that may affect City of Asheville Budget

Bill Name and Number	Sponsors	Description	Considerations	Fiscal Impact	Status	Support/ Oppose
HB 488 Regionalization of Public Utilities	Moffitt; McGrady; Ramsey	Transfer of water system to MSD.			Ratified (5/2), Presented to Gov. (5/3), Became Law w/o Signature (5/14)	Oppose
HB 252 Asheville Transfers	Moffitt; Ramsey; McGrady	Terminate the City's Authority to use up to 5% of water utility revenues for street and sidewalk repairs done in conjunction with work on underground water lines.		Loss of \$1.8+ million annually toward regional infrastructure	Approved in House; Passed 1st Reading in Senate, referred to Com on Finance (4/4)	Oppose
HB 224 Asheville Extraterritorial Jurisdiction and Annexation	Moffitt; Ramsey (primary) Ford; Starnes	Remove the extra-territorial jurisdiction and the city's ability to regulate land use activity in these areas. There is a 60 day period from the effective date of the act before all regulation is turned over to Buncombe County.	Regulation in the ETJ is intended to guide development in urbanizing areas to help ensure that development is compatible with that which occurs within the city, and that land use conflicts are minimized	\$219,000 in lost revenue	Passed 3rd Reading in Senate (4/16), Ratified (4/17)	Neutral
SB 363 Business Tax Reduction & Reforms	Andrew C. Brock; (Primary) Ralph Hise; Ronald J. Rabin; Bob Rucho	Eliminate the ability of cities to levy privilege license taxes. The elimination would be effective for taxes imposed for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, and would cost cities and towns a total of more than \$60 million a year in revenue.		Loss of \$1.4-1.7 million annually	Referred to the Finance Committee (3/20)	Oppose
SB 394 Lower Tax Rates for a Stronger NC Economy	Clodfelter; Hartsell, Jr.; Jenkins; Meredith;(Primary)Bingham; Brock; Clark; Ford; Hise; Rabin; Rabon; Rucho; Tarte; Walters	An act to adopt a bipartisan tax reform plan to promote economic development in North Carolina by establishing a sound state tax structure that revises the existing structure on a revenue-neutral basis, lowers all major tax rates, taxes all income at the same rate, and makes the structure simpler, fairer, and consistent with the modern economy, as recommended by past tax studies.	The bill would eliminate at least \$320 million in existing municipal revenue while providing an unspecified amount of new revenue through an expanded sales tax base.	Loss of more than \$6 million annually in utility franchise tax	Referred to the Finance Committee (3/25)	Oppose

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<p>HB 120/SB 108</p> <p>Blding Codes: Local Consistency/Exempt Cable</p>	<p>HB 120: Hager; W. Brawley; Cotham; Arp; (Primary) R. Brawley; Faircloth; Ford; Hamilton; Jackson; Jordan; Malone; Martin; Millis; Moffitt; Murry; Pittman; Presnell; Setzer; Shepard; Szoka; Torbett; Warren; Whitmire; Wray; SB 108: Apodaca; Hunt; Ford: (Primary) Clark; Walters;</p>	<p>Limits the residential inspections local governments could conduct to the eight specific areas referenced in the Code, and extends the revision cycle for the residential code from three years to six years.</p>	<p>Inspectors across the state have expressed concern that the bill will restrict their ability to conduct needed safety inspections that address local conditions. Any jurisdiction wishing to require local inspections beyond those specified in the Code would have to bring their request before the N.C. Building Code Council and have it individually approved.</p>		<p>Approved by House (3/12); Referred to Senate Com. On Commerce (3/13)</p>	
<p>HB 150/SB 139</p> <p>Zoning Design & Aesthetic Controls</p>	<p>House: Dollar; W. Brawley; Moffitt; Jordan;(Primary) R. Brawley; Bryan; Ford; Martin; T. Moore; Ramsey; Samuelson; Setzer; Speciale; Szoka; Warren; Whitmire; Senate: Clodfelter; Gunn; Tarte; (Primary) Clark; Daniel; Hise; Hunt; Jenkins; McLaurin; Walters;</p>	<p>Restricts local governments' ability to institute design and aesthetic controls on single-family residential structures - by prohibiting cities and towns from requiring design and aesthetic controls on any structure subject to the North Carolina Residential Code for One and Two-Family Dwellings (with limited exceptions). The bill also disallows cities from applying such standards in zoning districts, special use districts, conditional use districts and conditional districts, unless all of the property owners to which they might potentially be applied issue their specific consent.</p>	<p>While we do not have any general design standards, there is some immediate impact from this law. It would strongly affect our Cottage Development USSR standards, so if it is enacted we should make it a priority to revisit that development option and probably propose a moratorium on its use. An analysis by the NC APA also points out that by implication in some of the language, the bill also removes from local governments the tools necessary to determine what constitutes a single-family house in a single-family zone. By barring any zoning or subdivision standard regarding the number, type and layout of rooms. Therefore multifamily dwellings can be built in any single-family zone in the state if the neighborhood does not have a restricted covenant. It is in Committee but expected to get out soon and pass.</p>		<p>Approved by House; Re-ref Com On Commerce (4/15), Reptd Fav Com Substitute (4/23), Com Substitute Adopted (4/23), Withdrawn From Cal (4/24), Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate (4/24)</p>	<p>Monitor</p>

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HB 284 Local Contracts/Local Bidder Preference	Jordan (Primary); Faircloth; Floyd; Foushee; Hamilton; Hanes; Harrison: McGrady; McManus; Waddell; Whitmire	When bidding/contracting for construction or repair work or bidding for the purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials or equipment (involving expenditure of public money) municipalities may give preference to the lowest responsible, responsive LOCAL bidder if both of the following conditions are met: 1)the lowest responsible, responsive LOCAL bidder is NO GREATER THAN 5% or \$10,000, whichever is less, of the bid of the lowest responsible, responsive NONLOCAL bidder AND 2) the lowest responsible, responsive local bidder MATCHES the bid of the lowest responsible, responsive nonlocal bidder		None	Referred to the Com on Government (3/13)	Support
SB 332 Government Transparency Act	Goosby (Primary); Meredith	Government Transparency Act would establish as public records general descriptions of promotions, demotions, suspensions, etc., and performance evaluations of public employees.			Passed the 1st Reading in Senate; Referred to Com on Judiciary (3/19)	Oppose
HB 418 Park Authority	Ramsey; Moffitt (Primary); Ford	Establish a joint City/County Park and Recreation Authority			Passed 3rdReading in House (5/6); Passed 1st Reading Senate (5/7); Ref To Senate Com On State and Local Government (5/7)	Monitor
SB 346 Firefighter Benefits	Hartsel, Jr. (Primary); Apodaca; Jenkins	Would require municipalities to provide retirement benefits for firefighters equivalent to police officers.	Would only change retirement eligible age, not create separation allowance. Might lead to FF's retiring at earlier age, which could mean more people on retiree health plan and for longer period of time.	Possible minor increase in health plan cost	Referred to Com on Pension, Retirement and Aging (3/19)	Oppose

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SB 207/HB 238 Maintaining Water and Sewer Fiscal Health	SB: Tucker (Primary); Davis HB: Cleveland; Dockham (Primary); R. Brown; Collins; Moffitt; Stone	<p>HB 238/SB 207 gives the Local Government Commission (LGC is a division of the Department of State Treasurer) the authority to assume full control of a water or sewer enterprise system, regardless of whether the system is ran by a local government or public authority. In order for the LGC to have the authority to assume control, the system must meet one of the following criteria for three consecutive years: I. The system experienced negative working capital (determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles).II. The system experienced a quick ratio of less than 1.0 (the ratio of liquid assets, cash and receivables, to current liabilities is less than 1.0). III. The system experienced a net loss of revenue using modified accrual budgetary basis of accounting.</p>			Passed 3rd Reading in Senate (3/21); Referred to House Com on Government (3/27)	
SB 612 Regulatory Reform Act of 2013	Brown, Jackson, Brock (Primary); Cook, Hise, Rabin, Randleman, Soucek, Tucker	<p>Requires DENR to develop Minimum Design Criteria for stormwater runoff permits; including requirement for the siting, site preparation, design and construction, and post-construction monitoring and evaluation necessary for issuing a stormwater permit. The bill also requires DENR to develop Minimum Design Criteria for erosion and sedimentation control plans issued by DENR and local governments; including requirements for the siting, site preparation, design and construction, and post-construction monitoring and evaluation necessary to approve an erosion and sedimentation control plan.</p>			Passed 3rd Reading in Senate (5/2); Passed 1st Reading in House (5/7); Ref To House Com On Regulatory Reform (5/7)	
HB 708 Public Enterprise Systems Use of Funds	Moffitt; Murry; Daughtry; Collins; (Primary) Stone	<p>HB 708 would prevent cities and counties from transferring money from an enterprise system fund to any other funds. Revenue to the enterprise fund could only be used to cover operating costs and debt service. The bill states that remaining revenue should be used to lower rates or pay additional debt service.</p>	Converted to Study Bill (4/30)		Passed 3rd House Reading (5/1); Passed 1st Senate Reading (5/2); Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate (5/2)	

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HB 773 Local Gov'ts/Bldgs/Structures/Inspections	Brawley; Moffitt; Hardister; Brission	An act revising the condition under which counties and cities may inspect buildings or structures.	This bill controls the authority of cities and counties to operate rental inspection programs. Specifically, it eliminates required landlord registrations, fees paid by landlords to support the programs, and it reduces the reach of program enforcement mechanisms. Cities oppose this legislation, due to its detrimental impact on the ability of cities to assist in protecting law-abiding city residents and improve quality of life within communities		Passed 3rd House Reading (5/14); Passed 1st Senate Reading; Ref To Com On Commerce (5/15)	
HB 814 Study Water & Sewer Service District	Hamilton, Moffitt, R. Moore, Millis (Primary); Ford, Jordan, Ramsey, Stone	An act to direct the environment review commission to study the reduction and consolidation of the statutory models for establishing, operating, and financing certain organizations that provide water and sewer services in the state.			Passed the 2nd and 3rd House Readings (5/16); Passed 1st Senate Reading (5/20); Ref to Senate Com On Rules and Operations (5/20)	
HB 710 Water Utility Recovery	Hager (Primary); Steinburg	An act to permit water utilities to adjust rates for changes in costs based on third party rates and to authorize the utilities commission to approve a rate adjustment mechanism for water and sewer system improvements.			Passed 3rd House Reading (5/15), Passed 1st Senate Reading (5/16); Ref To Com On Finance (5/16)	

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HB 48 Operation of Mopeds	Shepard (Primary); Faircloth; Floyd; Goodman; C. Graham; Hamilton ; Jones; Jordan; Lambeth; Moffitt; Setzer; Stevens; Waddell; Warren; Whitmire; Wray	Operation of Mopeds would require moped operators to possess a driver's license, register the moped, and carry insurance. Specifically:(1) prohibits any person under the age of 17 (was, 16) who has not completed the graduated drivers license process from operating a moped (2) prohibits passengers on a moped (3) requires that mopeds be registered with the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and(4) makes it unlawful to operate a moped without proof of financial responsibility.			Ref. to Com on Transportation (2/4)	
SB 186 Notice of Publications by Cities and Counties	Wade; Brock (Primary); Barringer; Cook; Davis; Hise; Rabin	Notice Publication by Counties and Cities - Under the terms of this bill, cities and towns would be able to publish legally required public notices online rather than paying for advertisement in a print publication.	Streamline the process of public notification by letting cities and towns publish public notices on their government websites, as well as use other techniques to disseminate public information.		Ref. to Com. On Rules and Operations (3/6)	
HB 79 Annexation	Pittman; Hardister; Ford (Primary); Cleveland; Presnell; Ramsey; Stone	Proposed amendment to the NC Constitution. If passed, the proposed amendment would be submitted to voters on the November 4th, 2014 ballot. The amendment would require annexation to be authorized by two-thirds of eligible voters in the proposed annexation area. A simple majority is currently required under N.C. Gen. Stat. 160A-58.64. However, this bill would enshrine the annexation election process into the constitution and also raise the requisite approval from a simple majority to two-thirds. Additionally this amendment would eliminate all extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Consequently municipalities would lose the ability to regulate healthy and safety and control development in peripheral areas.			Ref to Com on Government (2/11)	
SB 724/HB 685 Prohibited Imitation Controlled Substances	J. Davis	An act to make the manufacture, possession, sale, use and delivery of certain imitation controlled substances unlawful.			Referred to the Com on Health Care (4/3); Ref To House Com On Judiciary Subcommittee B (4/11)	
HB 276 Zoning/Board of Adjustment Changes	G. Graham; Stam; (Primary)	AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND MODERNIZE STATUTES REGARDING ZONING BOARDS 2 OF ADJUSTMENT.			Passed the 1st Reading; Ref to Senate Com on Commerce (4/10)	

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HB 962 Municipal Sales Tax.	Hamilton; (Primary)	Would allow cities and towns to adopt a 1/2 cent sales tax within their corporate limits. The tax could be adopted by resolution and the proceeds would be available to fund beach nourishment, street and sidewalk construction and improvements, traffic signals, street lighting, street and directional signage, police, fire and rescue, and services to support public events and festivals.			Passed 1st Reading in House; Ref to the Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, (4/18)	
HB 952 Delay Sales Tax Distrib. Change Effect. Date.	Hamilton; (Primary)	Would require that when a county changes its method of sales tax distribution, the change would not go into effect until the following calendar year with the October distribution (which is the first of the fiscal year).			Passed 1st Reading in House; Ref to the Com on Government (4/18)	
HB 659 County and City Ethics	Moffitt; Howard; W. Brawley; Lewis; (Primary) Blust; B. Brown; Martin; Ramsey; Samuelson; Setzer; Speciale; Stone; Warren	Requires all members of governing boards of cities, counties, local boards of education, unified gov'ts, sanitary districts, and consolidated city-counties to complete a statement of economic interest as if that member were a public servant as defined in GS 138A-3. The bill prohibits those members from: (1) mentioning/allowing another person to mention the member's public position in non-gov't advertising that advances the private interest of the member or others; (2) using or allowing the use of public funds for any advertisement or public service announcement in a newspaper, on radio, television, magazines, or billboards that contain that member's name, picture, or voice, except in the case of local, state, or national emergency and only if the announcement is reasonably necessary to the member's official function. (Does not apply to fund-raising on behalf of and aired on public radio or public television); (3) using or disclosing nonpublic info gained in the course of the member's official responsibilities in a way that would affect a personal financial interest of the member or any other person.			Passed 1st Reading in House, Ref to the Com on Government (4/10); Reptd Fav Com Substitute, Re-ref Com On Appropriations (4/22)	

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HB 568 Asheville Deannexation	McGrady; Moffitt; Ramsey; (Primary)	Provides a metes and bounds description of property to be removed from the corporate limits of the City of Asheville and provides that the changes will have no effect on the validity of ABC permits associated with the area. The property affected includes the Asheville Regional Airport.			Passed 1st Reading in House, Referred to Com Government (4/04); Withdrawn from Com on Governemnt, Referred to Com on Finance (4/10)	
HB 664 Cell Tower Deployment Act	Hager; Moffitt; W. Brawley; Alexander; (Primary) Adams; Arp; Baskerville; Brandon; B. Brown; Collins; Cotham; Dockham; Earle; Floyd; Hanes; Holley; Jeter; Jones; Lucas; Martin; R. Moore; Samuelson; Setzer; Starnes; Warren; Wray;	Would limit municipalities' authority to regulate cell tower deployment and extension is scheduled to be heard next week. Would go beyond conforming North Carolina's law to federal law and would restrict the regulatory powers of cities and towns.			Ref to the Com on Public Utilities and Energy (4/10); Re-ref Com On Finance (5/8); Passed 2nd and 3rd Readings in House (5/13); Passed 1st Senate Reading (5/14); Ref to Commerce (5/14)	

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HB 279 Transfer Environmental Permits	<p>Millis; Hager; McElraft; Moffitt; (Primary) Arp; Brody; Bryan; Bumgardner; Catlin; Cleveland; Collins; Conrad; Dixon; Faircloth; Ford; Fulghum; Hamilton; Horn; Iler; Jeter; Jones; Jordan; Lambeth; Martin; McGrady; Murry; Pittman; Ramsey; Riddell; Samuelson; Shepard; Stam; Stevens; Szoka; Tine; Waddell; Warren; Whitmire; Wray</p>	<p>DENR must transfer a stormwater permit to a new party when the current permit holder is unwilling or unable to agree to the transfer and when additional certain criteria are met. It also requires the transfer of an erosion and sedimentation control plan if: (1) the proposed transferee is the owner of the land to be disturbed or has the owner's written consent to conduct the land-disturbing activity, (2) the proposed transferee intends to use the permit for the purposes for which it was issued, and (3) there will be no change of the project covered by the plan that would affect any requirement of the plan. Finally, it adds a new subsection to GS 113A-61 that requires a local government administering an erosion and sedimentation control program to transfer a plan approved by this section if: (1) the proposed transferee is the owner of the land to be disturbed or has the owner's written consent to conduct the land-disturbing activity, (2) the proposed transferee intends to use the permit for the purposes for which it was issued, and (3) there will be no change of the project covered by the plan that would affect any requirement of the plan.</p>			<p>Passed 3rd House Reading (4/25); Passed 1st Senate Reading (4/29); Ref To Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources (4/29)</p>	
HB 625 Zoning/Health Care Structure	<p>Moffitt; Howard; Setzer; Ramsey; (Primary) B. Brown; Cotham; Holley; Jones; Martin; Pittman; Wray</p>	<p>HB 625 would require municipalities to allow the use of temporary family health care structures (frequently referred to as "granny pods") in single-family residential zoning districts. The bill specified the procedures, requirements, and limitations for the permitting and approval of temporary family health care structures, including requiring the removal of a temporary family health care structure within 60 days of ceasing to provide assistance. Provides that temporary family health care structures will be treated as tangible personal property for all tax purposes.</p>			<p>Passed 3rd House Reading (5/13); Passed 1st Senate Reading (5/14); Ref to State and Local Government (5/14)</p>	

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HB 769 Zoning/Limit Manufactured Home Restrictions	Ramsey; Burr; Wray; Dobson; (Primary) Speciale	Under HB 769, counties would not be allowed to exclude manufactured homes from single-family residential areas except in the case of historic districts or "other area[s] where the county has a compelling interest in preserving aesthetic and design standards"			Passed 3rd House Reading (4/30); Passed 1st Senate Reading (5/1); Ref to State and Local Government (5/1)	
HB 641 Amend Deferred Prosecution/1st Drug Offense	Davis; Daughtry; (Primary) Brandon; Floyd; Lucas; Stevens;	Provides for Court discretion to determine whether to defer prosecution for a first offense of certain drug offenses.			Passed the 3rd House Reading (4/23); Passed 1st Senate Reading (4/24); Ref To Com On Judiciary II (4/24)	
HB 937 Amend Various Firearms Laws	Schaffer; Burr; Faircloth; Cleveland; (Primary) Arp; J. Bell; Blust; R. Brawley; Brody; B. Brown; Ford; G. Graham; Hager; Hollo; Horn; Jeter; Jones; Jordan; Martin; McNeill; Riddell; Samuelson; Shepard; Speciale; Starnes; Szoka; Torbett; Whitmire	HB 937 would allow concealed carry of firearms in establishments serving alcohol as well as gatherings and events where admission is charged. Property owners would be allowed to post notices prohibiting concealed carry on their premises. The bill also allows gun owners to carry a weapon in public parks and greenways. The bill would also authorize gun owners to keep a weapon in their vehicle while in state government parking lots or those on public or private university campuses. Additional penalties would be imposed on felonies involving the use of a firearm, and allowing a child access to a firearm without adult supervision would become subject to criminal penalties.			Passed 3rd House Reading (5/7); Passed 1st Senate Reading (5/8); Ref To Com On Rules and Operations (5/8)	

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HB 870 Record Closed Sessions of Public Bodies	Dixon; (Primary) J. Bell; Collins; Fulghum; Horn; Jordan; Pittman; Speciale;	The bill would require local governing bodies to make sound, or video + sound, recordings of all closed session meetings. If the session becomes eligible for public inspection, the local government must retain the recording for two years. The recordings would exist as supplements to the "general account" of the meeting already required to be kept.			Passed 3rd House Reading; Ordered Engrossed (5/9); Passed 1st Senate Reading; Ref to Judiciary (5/13)	
HB 433/SB 389 Land Use Surrounding Military Installations	J. Bell; Stam; McElraft; Whitmore; (Primary) Avila; L. Bell; B. Brown; Cleveland; Dixon; Fulghum; Glazier; L. Hall; Harrison; Johnson; Martin; McManus; Pittman; Presnell; Shepard; Speciale; Torbett; Wray	Prohibit local governments from permitting the construction of any building or structure more than 200 feet high on land near a military installation without prior approval from the NC Building Code Council.			Passed 3rd House Reading (4/11); Passed 3rd Senate Reading (5/15); Failed Concur In S Com Sub (5/21); House Conf Com Appointed (5/21); Senate Conf Com Appointed (5/22)	
HB 476 Rewrite Underground Damage Prevention Act	Hager; Moffitt; Murry; (Primary) Tine;	A comprehensive overhaul of the state's underground digging laws, also known as the "811" laws after the phone number excavators must dial to notify utilities of planned digging activities. The bill would require all cities and towns with underground utilities subject to the act to join the NC 811 notification center. However, the bill would exempt cities from the requirement to mark -- or provide a "locate" -- for all gravity-fed wastewater lines installed prior to the law's effective date, and all stormwater facilities.			Passed 1st House Rading (4/1); Re-ref Com On Finance (5/6)	

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HB 480 Environmental Permitting Reform	Millis; Moffitt; Catlin; Hardister; (Primary) Arp; R. Brawley; W. Brawley; Bryan; Cleveland; Collins; Conrad; Dixon; Ford; Jones; Jordan; Pittman; Presnell; Ramsey; Riddell; Starnes; Steinburg; Tine; Waddell;	Requires DENR to develop Minimum Design Criteria for stormwater runoff permits and for the erosion and sedimentation control plans they and local governments issue. It also requires the EMC and the Sedimentation Control Commission to adopt rules to implement fast track permitting processes for stormwater management system permits and approval of erosion and sedimentation control plans, without a technical review when the applicant (1) complies with the Minimum Design Criteria, and (2) submits a permit application sealed by a professional engineer.			Passed 3rd House Reading (5/14); Passed 1st senate Reading (5/15); Ref To Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources (5/15)	
HB 504 Local Electronic Notice	McGrady; Stam; Jackson; Har dister; (Primary) Burr; Lucas; Moffitt; Ramsey; Whit mire;	The bill authorizes the governing boards of the specified counties and the municipalities within those counties in whole or part, to adopt an ordinance permitting any notice required by law to be published or advertised under any general law or under local act, to be published electronically instead of or in addition to the required publication or advertisement. The bill also provides that the ordinance may cover all notices or selected classes of notice, and provides additional criteria governing the publication of notice via electronic means. The bill also authorizes a city to adopt an ordinance, under proposed GS 153A-52.2, that permits electronic notice, and authorizes the county boards of elections to adopt a policy under proposed GS 153A-52.2 to provide for electronic notices, advertisements, and publications.			Passed 1st House Reading (4/3); Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b) (5/9); Withdrawn From Cal (5/15); Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House (5/15)	
HB 94/SB 112 Amend Environmental Laws 2013	Brent Jackson; (Primary) Andrew C. Brock; Jim Davis;	It amends Section 15.1 of SL2012-187 to clarify how the Commission for Public Health must adopt rules pertaining to sanitary landfill development permits. It amends GS 113A-64 – which are the penalties under the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act - to clarify the procedure for appealing a notice of assessment issued by a local government. It also, changes that the penalty proceeds collected by a local government be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund instead of the local government's general fund.The effect is on local governments that administer an erosion and sedimentation control program, and the changes are: (1) clarification of the procedure for notice of assessment, (2) clarification that local governments may determine the penalty amounts, and (3) no longer allowing local governments to keep the proceeds of these civil penalties.	Could greatly impact/interfere with the city's ability to acquire property-including water/sewer easements and road right of ways.		Passed 3rd House Reading (5/14); Passed 1st Senate Reading (5/15); Ref To Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources (5/15)	

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SB 468 Align Inspections W/Installer Licensing	Clark Jenkins; (Primary) Brent Jackson; Gene McLaurin; Michael P. Walters;	Amends GS 153A-36 and GS 160A-420 (applicable to applicable to counties and cities respectively) prohibiting the cities and counties from requiring any permit other than a plumbing permit for the installation of any natural gas or propane appliance by an installer who has a plumbing license, as long as the installation does not otherwise require the installer to hold another license.		Loss of < \$5k	Passed 1st Senate Reading (3/28), Passed 2nd and 3rd Senate Readings (5/15), Passed 1st House Reading (5/20), Ref To Com On Regulatory Reform (5/20)	
HB 714/SB 443 Disposition of Abandoned Firearms.	Schaffer; Faircloth; (Primary) B. Brown; Floyd; Martin; Steinburg;	Forbids law enforcement officers from destroying fully-operating firearms. If a firearm is fully functioning and still has a legible identification number law enforcement officers cannot destroy it. Instead, they would have to sell it at a public auction to a licensed dealer or permit-holder, keep it for department use or training or donate it to a museum or historical society.			Passed 1st House Reading (4/11), Passed 2nd and 3rd House Reading (5/15), Passed 1st Senate Reading (5/16), Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate (5/16)	

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SB 703 Limit Local Regulation Of Outdoor Smoking	E. S. (Buck) Newton; Brent Jackson; Andrew C. Brock; (Primary)	Senate Bill 703, which passed the Senate Agriculture, Environment, Natural Resources Committee, prohibits local governments and community colleges from regulating outdoor smoking in a manner that's more restrictive than state law.			Passed 1st Senate Reading (4/3); Ref to Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources (4/3); Com Substitute Adopted; Re-ref Com On State and Local Government (5/14)	
HB 677 Local Government Regulatory Reform	W. Brawley; Moffitt; Stone; (Primary) B. Brown; Cleveland; Ford; Jones; Ramsey; Special e; Turner;	Provides that no city or county can enact an ordinance, rule, or regulation that: (1) authorizes an employer to withhold any labor union or labor organization dues from an employee's pay, expense allowances, or other compensation, and (2) requires an employer to assume financial, legal, or other responsibility for an employee's carbon footprint, which may result in the employer being subject to a fine, fee, or other monetary, legal, or negative consequences.	Note: This bill was Introduced as a placeholder bill, and will likely see numerous changes as it progresses through the legislative process.		Passed 1st House Reading (411), Passed 2nd and 3rd House Reading (5/13), Passed 1st Senate Reading (5/14), Ref To Com On State and Local Government (5/14)	