

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 156
HOUSE BILL 870

AN ACT TO EXEMPT WATAUGA COUNTY FROM CERTAIN NOTICE
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING OR AMENDING A
ZONING ORDINANCE FOR WATER SUPPLY WATERSHED PROTECTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Notwithstanding G.S. 153A-343 or any other provision of law, when a county is adopting a local water supply watershed protection program as required by G.S. 143-214.5, in lieu of mailing a notice of a proposed zoning classification action to a property owner whose land abuts a parcel of land involved in a zoning classification action, the county may provide notice to the abutting property owner by publishing once a week for four successive calendar weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the area maps showing the boundaries of the area affected by the proposed watershed regulation. The map shall not be less than one-half of a newspaper page in size. Property owners whose property is in the affected area or whose property abuts the affected area who reside outside of the newspaper circulation area, according to the address listed in the most recent property tax listing for the affected property, shall be notified by mail pursuant to G.S. 153A-343.

Sec. 2. The exemption provided by Section 1 of this act applies to the notice to be given to an owner of property that abuts a parcel of land involved in a zoning classification action. Notice by first-class mail shall be provided to an owner of a parcel involved in a zoning classification action as otherwise required by G.S. 153A-343.

Sec. 3. Notwithstanding G.S. 153A-323 or any other provision of law, when a county is adopting or amending any ordinance in order to adopt a local water supply watershed protection program as required by G.S. 143-214.5, the county shall hold a public hearing on the ordinance or amendment. Notice of the hearing shall be published along with the notice required by Section 1 of this act. The hearing shall be held not less than 10 days nor more than 25 days after the day of last publication required by Section 1 of this act. In computing such period, the day of last publication is not to be included but the day of hearing shall be included.

Sec. 4. This act applies to Watauga County only.

Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of June, 1993.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives