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HOUSE BILL 507

Short Title: Durham Housing Notices.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Luebke.

Referred to: Local and Regional Government I.

March 24, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DURHAM TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE CITY COUNCIL TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF RENTAL
3 PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY TO AUTHORIZE AN AGENT TO ACCEPT
4 SERVICE OF PROCESS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. The Charter of the City of Durham, the same being Chapter 671,
8 1975 Session Laws, as amended, is amended by adding the following new section:

9 "Sec. 102.5. **Owner of rental property shall authorize agent to accept service of**
10 **process.** – The City Council may, by ordinance, require that each owner of rental
11 property within the city authorize a person residing in the city to serve as his or her
12 agent for the purpose of accepting service of process; that the owner provide, on a form
13 supplied by the Housing Services Department, the authorized agent's name, address, and
14 phone number; and that the owner notify the Housing Services Department of any
15 changes in the information provided not less than 10 days after such changes have
16 occurred. Nothing in this section shall require an owner to designate an agent to accept
17 service of process where the owner of the rental property resides within the city."

18 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.