

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1176

Short Title: Foxfire Village Streets.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senators Little; and Hobbs.

Referred to: Finance.

May 15, 1996

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAKING STREET
3 ASSESSMENTS IN FOXFIRE VILLAGES UNDER CERTAIN
4 CIRCUMSTANCES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. The Charter of Foxfire Village, being Chapter 237 of the 1977
7 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new Article to read:

8 "ARTICLE VIII.
9 "STREET ASSESSMENTS.

10 "Sec. 8.1. Street Assessments.

11 (a) In addition to any authority which is now or hereafter may be granted by
12 general law to the town for making street improvements, the Village Council may make
13 street improvements and assess the cost thereof against abutting property owners in
14 accordance with the provisions of this section.

15 (b) The Village Council may order street improvements and assess the cost thereof
16 against the abutting property owners, according to one or more of the assessment bases
17 set forth in Article 10 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes without the necessity of a
18 petition meeting the requirements of that Article, upon the finding by the Village Council
19 as a fact that:

- 1 (1) The street improvement project does not exceed 30,000 lineal front
2 footage;
- 3 (2) The street improvement project involves no more than 200 lots;
- 4 (3) The street improvement project consists of a series of streets all of
5 which are contiguous to at least one other street in the project;
- 6 (4) The street improvement project abuts at least one other paved street in
7 the Village;
- 8 (5) The street improvement project consists solely of a collection of streets
9 for which petitions under Article 10 of Chapter 160A of the General
10 Statutes were received within two years before a preliminary assessment
11 resolution is adopted under the authority of this Article, in accordance
12 with G.S. 160A-223, where:
- 13 a. The petitions taken as a whole were signed by at least forty
14 percent (40%) of the owners of property to be assessed, who
15 represent at least forty percent (40%) of all the lineal front
16 footage of the lands abutting on the streets or portions thereof to
17 be improved; but
- 18 b. Where for at least five streets in the project, the petitions were
19 signed by at least two-thirds of the owners of property to be
20 assessed, who represent at least two-thirds of all the lineal front
21 footage of the lands abutting on the streets or portions thereof to
22 be improved.
- 23 (c) For the purpose of this Article, the term 'street improvement' shall include
24 grading, regrading, surfacing, resurfacing, widening, paving, repaving, the acquisition of
25 right-of-way, and the construction or reconstruction of curbs, gutters, and street drainage
26 facilities.
- 27 (d) In ordering street improvements without a petition and assessing the cost
28 thereof under authority of this Article, the Village Council shall comply with the
29 procedure provided by Article 10 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, except those
30 provisions relating to the petition of property owners and the sufficiency thereof. Any
31 assessment under the authority of this act must be under a preliminary assessment
32 resolution adopted under G.S. 160A-223 no later than December 31, 1998.
- 33 (e) The effect of the act of levying assessments under the authority of this Article
34 shall for all purposes be the same as if the assessments were levied under authority of
35 Article 10 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes."
- 36 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.