

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1999

S

1

SENATE BILL 181

Short Title: Dallas Property Maintenance.

(Local)

---

Sponsors: Senator Hoyle.

---

Referred to: Finance.

---

March 1, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF DALLAS TO ENACT A PROPERTY  
MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE AND TO ASSESS CERTAIN COSTS OF  
ENFORCEMENT AS A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Charter of the Town of Dallas, being Chapter 342 of the 1979  
Session Laws, is amended by adding a new Article to read:

**"ARTICLE V.**

**"PROPERTY MAINTENANCE.**

"Section 5.1. **Removal of Trash, Weeds; Lien.** The Town Board may require the  
owners of all premises, vacant or improved, to keep the same free from trash, obnoxious  
weeds, overgrowth, solid wastes, and stagnant water and may provide that if the owners  
fail to comply with any such requirement, an employee or contractor of the Town may go  
upon the owners' premises and perform any work that may be necessary to comply with  
such requirement, and the Town may charge the cost thereof against the premises upon  
which the work is performed.

The costs of any work performed under this section shall constitute a lien against the  
premises upon which the work is performed and may be collected in the same manner as  
taxes upon real property. The term 'cost' as used in this section shall include interest at

1 the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum until the lien is paid. Interest does not accrue  
2 until a bill for the costs becomes overdue."

3 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.