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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF DALLAS, THE TOWN OF TABOR CITY,  
3 AND THE CITY OF WHITEVILLE TO ENACT A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE  
4 ORDINANCE AND TO ASSESS CERTAIN COSTS OF ENFORCEMENT AS A  
5 LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

9 "ARTICLE V.

10 "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE.

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

1 The costs of any work performed under this section shall constitute a lien against the  
2 premises upon which the work is performed and may be collected in the same manner as  
3 taxes upon real property. The term 'cost' as used in this section shall include interest at  
4 the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum until the lien is paid. Interest does not accrue  
5 until a bill for the costs becomes overdue."

6 Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Tabor City may require the  
7 owners of all premises, vacant or improved, to keep the same free from trash, obnoxious  
8 weeds, overgrowth, solid wastes, and stagnant water and may provide that if the owners  
9 fail to comply with any such requirement, an employee or contractor of the Town may go  
10 upon the owners' premises and perform any work that may be necessary to comply with  
11 such requirement, and the Town may charge the cost thereof against the premises upon  
12 which the work is performed. The costs of any work performed under this section shall  
13 constitute a lien against the premises upon which the work is performed and may be  
14 collected in the same manner as taxes upon real property. The term "cost" shall include  
15 interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum until the lien is paid. Interest does not  
16 accrue until a bill for the costs becomes overdue.

17 Section 3. The City Council of the City of Whiteville may require the owners  
18 of all premises, vacant or improved, to keep the same free from trash, obnoxious weeds,  
19 overgrowth, solid wastes, and stagnant water and may provide that if the owners fail to  
20 comply with any such requirement, an employee or contractor of the City may go upon  
21 the owners' premises and perform any work that may be necessary to comply with such  
22 requirement, and the Town may charge the cost thereof against the premises upon which  
23 the work is performed. The costs of any work performed under this section shall  
24 constitute a lien against the premises upon which the work is performed and may be  
25 collected in the same manner as taxes upon real property. The term "cost" shall include  
26 interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum until the lien is paid. Interest does not  
27 accrue until a bill for the costs becomes overdue.

28 Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.