

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 866

Short Title: Greenville Housing Code Cases.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Warren.

Referred to: Local Government II.

March 29, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREENVILLE TO REQUIRE OWNERS
3 OF RENTAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY TO AUTHORIZE AN AGENT TO
4 ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The City Council may, by ordinance, require that each owner
7 of rental property within the city authorize a person residing in Pitt County to serve as
8 the owner's agent for the purpose of accepting service of process in an action involving
9 a violation of an ordinance adopted under Part 5 or 6 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A of
10 the General Statutes. The owner shall provide, on a form supplied by the city clerk, the
11 authorized agent's name, address, and telephone number. The owner shall notify the
12 city clerk of any changes in the information provided not less than 10 days after the
13 changes have occurred. Nothing in this section requires an owner to designate an agent
14 to accept service of process where the owner of the rental property resides within Pitt
15 County.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the City of Greenville only.

17 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.