GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 471

Short Title: Stokesdale/Summerfield Zoning. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Decker.

Referred to: Ways and Means.

March 17, 1999

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTERS OF THE TOWNS OF STOKESDALE AND SUMMERFIELD TO EXEMPT AGRICULTURAL LAND USES WITHIN THOSE JURISDICTIONS FROM ZONING AND BUILDING CODE REGULATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Charter of the Town of Stokesdale, being Chapter 488 of the 1989 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 956 of the 1989 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new section to read:

"Sec. 5.2. **Zoning Exemption.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Town may not regulate or restrict agricultural land uses under its zoning ordinance or pursuant to the State Building Code. For the purposes of this section, an 'agricultural land use' includes 'agricultural land' as defined in G.S. 105-277.2 and property used for 'bona fide farm purposes' as defined in G.S. 153A-340(b)(2)."

Section 2. The Charter of the Town of Summerfield, being Chapter 426 of the 1995 Session Laws as amended by Chapter 2 of the 1995 Session Laws, Second Extra Session 1996, and Chapter 249 of the 1997 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new section to read:

"Sec. 5.3. **Zoning Exemption.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Town may not regulate or restrict agricultural land uses under its zoning ordinance or pursuant to the State Building Code. For the purposes of this section, an 'agricultural land use'

- includes 'agricultural land' as defined in G.S. 105-277.2 and property used for 'bona fide
- 2 <u>farm purposes' as defined in G.S. 153A-340(b)(2)."</u>
- 3 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.