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HOUSE BILL 1162
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/5/07

Short Title: Farmville Water/Sewer Availability Charge.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 29, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE MAY REQUIRE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO CONNECT TO THE TOWN'S WATER OR SEWER LINE AND LEAVE THE PROPERTY VACANT FOR SIX MONTHS OR LONGER TO PAY A PERIODIC AVAILABILITY CHARGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-317(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Connections. – A city may require an owner of developed property on which there are situated one or more residential dwelling units or commercial establishments located within the city limits and within a reasonable distance of any water line or sewer collection line owned, leased as lessee, or operated by the city or on behalf of the city to connect the owner's premises with the water or sewer line or both, and may fix charges for the connections. In lieu of requiring connection under this subsection and in order to avoid hardship, the city may require payment of a periodic availability charge, not to exceed the minimum periodic service charge for properties that are connected. The city may also require payment of a periodic availability charge, not to exceed the minimum periodic service charge for properties that are connected, where the owner's property has been connected with the city's water or sewer line or both as required by this section, and the property is left vacant for a period of six months or longer and has not received services for that period of time."

SECTION 2. Section 4 of S.L. 2003-270, as amended by S.L. 2004-33, reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 4.** This act applies only to the Town of Farmville and Davie, Duplin, and Lenoir Counties, county water and sewer districts located in Davie, Duplin, or Lenoir County, county service districts located within Davie, Duplin, or Lenoir County, and municipalities located wholly or partially within Davie, Duplin, or Lenoir County and to municipalities located wholly or partially within Columbus County."

SECTION 3. This act applies to the Town of Farmville only.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.