

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 923

Short Title: Adjust Matthews/Mint Hill Motor Vehicle Tax. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Gulley.

Referred to: Local Government II, if favorable, Finance.

March 21, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNS OF MATTHEWS AND MINT HILL TO
2 USE ALL OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX
3 ASSESSED PURSUANT TO G.S. 20-97 TO BE USED FOR ANY LAWFUL
4 PURPOSE.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-97(a), as applicable to the Town of Matthews under
8 S.L. 1985-1009, S.L. 1991- 209, and S.L. 1993-345, reads as rewritten:

9 "(a) All taxes levied under the provisions of this Article are intended as
10 compensatory taxes for the use and privileges of the public highways of this State, and
11 shall be paid by the Commissioner to the State Treasurer, to be credited by him to the
12 State Highway Fund; and no county or municipality shall levy any license or privilege
13 tax upon any motor vehicle licensed by the State of North Carolina, except that cities
14 and towns other than the City of Durham may levy not more than thirty dollars (\$30.00)
15 per year upon any vehicle resident therein, and except that the City of Durham may levy
16 not more than one dollar (\$1.00) per year upon any vehicle resident therein. Provided,
17 further, that cities and towns may levy, in addition to the amounts hereinabove provided
18 for, a sum not to exceed fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per year upon each vehicle operated in
19 such city or town as a taxicab. Provided, further that any tax levied in excess of twenty
20 dollars (\$20.00) per year per vehicle by the City of Charlotte ~~and any tax levied in~~
21 ~~excess of five dollars (\$5.00) per year per vehicle by the Town of Matthews~~ shall be
22 dedicated to and may be expended only for public mass transit systems and mass
23 transit-related activities."

24 **SECTION 2.** Section 1.1 of S.L. 1985-1009 reads as rewritten:

25 "Sec. 1.1. This act applies only to the City of Charlotte and the Towns of Cornelius,
26 Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, ~~Mint Hill~~, and Pineville."
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28 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-97(b) reads as rewritten:

29 "§ 20-97. Taxes credited to Highway Fund; municipal vehicle taxes.

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(b) General Municipal Vehicle Tax. – Cities and towns may levy a tax of not more than ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~thirty dollars (\$30.00) per year upon any vehicle resident in the city or town. The proceeds of the tax may be used for any lawful purpose.

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SECTION 4. This act applies to the Towns of Matthews and Mint Hill only.
SECTION 5. This act is effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2007.