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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REPEAL A PROVISION OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN
2 CONCERNING SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; TO ALLOW MADISON
3 COUNTY TO SIGN MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNICOI,
4 GREENE, AND COCKE COUNTIES; TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF
5 STANLEY TO ALLOW THE TOWN MANAGER TO HIRE, SUSPEND, OR REMOVE
6 TOWN EMPLOYEES OTHER THAN THE TOWN ATTORNEY; AND TO PROVIDE
7 THE TOWN OF PINE KNOLL SHORES WITH THE AUTHORITY TO PLACE AIDS
8 AND MARKERS TO NAVIGATION.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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12 **PART I. STEDMAN TOWN CHARTER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES**

13 **SECTION 1.** Section 8 of Chapter 67 of the Private Laws of 1913 is repealed.

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15 **PART II. MADISON COUNTY INTERSTATE MOUS**

16 **SECTION 2.(a)** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Madison
17 County Sheriff's Office may enter into memorandums of understanding with the following
18 sheriffs' offices located in Tennessee: Unicoi County, Greene County, and Cocke County. These
19 memorandums of understanding shall permit the sheriffs' offices to engage across state lines in
20 law enforcement special operations missions and cooperative law enforcement actions.

21 **SECTION 2.(b)** Any memorandum of understanding entered into pursuant to this
22 section shall specify the manner in which liability claims for damage to persons or property as a
23 result of law enforcement special operations missions and cooperative law enforcement actions
24 will be shared or assigned. While ensuring public safety, each memorandum of understanding
25 shall limit to the greatest extent possible the liability of Madison County and the State of North
26 Carolina.

27 **SECTION 2.(c)** No later than November 1 of each year, any memorandum of
28 understanding entered into that year pursuant to this section shall be reported to the Department
29 of Justice.

30 **SECTION 2.(d)** This section applies only to Madison County.

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32 **PART III. STANLEY TOWN CHARTER MANAGER AUTHORITY**

33 **SECTION 3.** Section 9 of the Charter of the Town of Stanley, being Chapter 233 of
34 the Private Laws of 1911, as amended by an ordinance adopted by the Town of Stanley on



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1 November 3, 1986, an ordinance adopted by the Town of Stanley enacted on July 1, 1991, a
2 resolution adopted by the Town of Stanley on March 2, 1992, and Section 9 of S.L. 2024-20,
3 reads as rewritten:

4 "Sec. 9. That on the second Monday in May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and
5 biennially thereafter, the Town Council, after having taken an oath before some justice of the
6 peace of Gaston County to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of
7 the State of North Carolina, and to well, faithfully and truly perform the duties of the office of a
8 Town Council of the town of Stanley, to the best of their ability, which oath shall be subscribed
9 to and entered upon the minutes of the corporation, and attested to by the individual administering
10 the oath, shall take their seats and remain in office for a period of four years and until a successor
11 is elected and qualified, except such as may be removed for cause or otherwise. They shall
12 organize by electing one member chair, who shall act as a mayor pro tempore, in case of a
13 vacancy, absence, or illness of the mayor. Notwithstanding G.S. 160A-63, vacancies on the Town
14 Council shall be filled by appointment of the remaining members of the Town Council for the
15 remainder of the unexpired term. A majority of the Town Council shall constitute a quorum for
16 the transaction of business. Said Town Council shall meet for the transaction of business at least
17 once a month, and shall meet on the call of the mayor, or a majority of the Town Council, as
18 often as may be necessary. The Town Council shall have the power, when deemed necessary, to
19 appoint or remove the Town Attorney.

20 Sub-Section A – Council-Manager Form of Government.

21 The Town of Stanley shall be governed by the Council-Manager form of government as
22 described in Part II, Article VII of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes. The
23 Town Council shall appoint a Town Manager to serve at its pleasure. ~~He~~ The Town Manager
24 shall be appointed solely on the basis of ~~his~~ executive and administrative qualifications and the
25 Town Manager need not be a resident of the ~~City~~ Town or the State at the time of ~~his~~ appointment.
26 ~~He~~ The Town Manager shall receive such compensation as the Council may from time-to-time
27 fix.

28 Sub-Section B – Duties of Town Manager.

29 The Town Manager shall be the chief administrator of the Town. ~~He~~ The Town Manager
30 shall be responsible to the Town Council for administering all municipal affairs placed in ~~his~~ the
31 Town Manager's charge and shall have the following powers and duties:

- 32 i. ~~He~~ The Town Manager shall hire, ~~suspend~~ suspend, or remove all ~~City employees,~~
33 Town employees except the ~~City Attorney, the City Tax Collector, and the~~
34 ~~City Clerk,~~ Town Attorney in accordance with such General Personnel Rules,
35 regulations and policies, or ordinances as the Council may adopt.
- 36 ii. ~~He~~ The Town Manager shall direct and supervise the administration of all
37 departments, offices and agencies of the Town subject to the general direction
38 and control of the Council, except as otherwise provided by law.
- 39 iii. ~~He~~ The Town Manager shall attend all meetings of the Town Council and
40 recommend any measures that ~~he~~ the Town Manager deems expedient.
- 41 iv. ~~He~~ The Town Manager shall see that all laws of the State, the Charter and the
42 Ordinances, Resolutions and Regulations of the Town Council are faithfully
43 executed within the Town.
- 44 v. ~~He~~ The Town Manager shall prepare and submit the annual budget and capital
45 program to the Town Council.
- 46 vi. ~~He~~ The Town Manager shall annually submit to the Town Council and make
47 available to the public a complete report on the finances and administrative
48 activities of the ~~City~~ Town as of the end of the fiscal year.
- 49 vii. ~~He~~ The Town Manager shall make any other reports that the Town Council may
50 require concerning the operations of ~~city~~ Town departments, ~~offices~~ offices,
51 and agencies subject to ~~his~~ the Town Manager's direction and control.

1 viii. ~~He~~ The Town Manager shall be a proper party to receive and accept service of
2 all complaints, notices, legal process and other documents of a judicial nature
3 on behalf of the ~~City~~ Town.

4 ix. ~~He~~ The Town Manager shall perform any other duties that may be required or
5 authorized by the Town Council.

6 Sub-Section C – Acting ~~City~~ Town Manager.

7 By letter filed with the ~~City~~ Town Clerk, the Town Manager may designate, subject to the
8 approval of the Council, a qualified person to exercise the powers and perform the Town
9 Manager's duties of ~~Manager~~ during his temporary absence or disability. During this absence or
10 disability, the Council may revoke that designation at any time and appoint another to serve until
11 the Town Manager returns or ~~his~~ the disability ceases.

12 Sub-Section D – Interim ~~City~~ Town Manager.

13 When the position of ~~City~~ Town Manager is vacant, the council shall designate a qualified
14 person to exercise the powers and perform the duties of Manager until the vacancy is filled.

15 Sub-Section E – Mayor and Councilmen Ineligible to Act As Manager.

16 Neither the Mayor nor any member of the Town Council shall be eligible for appointment as
17 Town Manager or Interim Town Manager."

18 19 **PART IV. PINE KNOLL SHORES NAVIGATIONAL MARKERS**

20 **SECTION 4.(a)** The Town of Pine Knoll Shores (Town) is empowered to make,
21 adopt, and enforce ordinances for the navigable waters of canals and Bogue Sound within the
22 corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the Town concerning the following:

23 (1) Placement and maintenance of channel aids and markers, anchoring aids and
24 markers, and navigational aids and markers in conformity with the United
25 States Aids to Navigation System and the rules of the Wildlife Resources
26 Commission as adopted for use on the waters of North Carolina pursuant to
27 G.S. 75A-15(c). Before placing channel aids and markers, anchoring aids and
28 markers, and navigational aids and markers, the Town Board of
29 Commissioners, by ordinance, shall identify the location of the aids and
30 markers by use of Global Positioning System coordinates and notify both the
31 U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in writing of the
32 intent to place the aids and markers. The notice shall be at least six weeks prior
33 to the placement of any channel aids and markers, anchoring aids and markers,
34 or navigational aids and markers under the authority granted by this section.

35 (2) The enforcement of ordinances adopted under the authority of this section in
36 accordance with G.S. 160A-175.

37 **SECTION 4.(b)** This section is intended to supersede G.S. 75A-15(a)(3) for the
38 navigable waters of canals and Bogue Sound within the corporate limits and extraterritorial
39 jurisdiction of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores. In the event of conflict between any local
40 ordinance adopted under the authority of this section and any other statutes, rules, or regulations
41 of the Wildlife Resources Commission, the Department of Environmental Quality, the United
42 States Coast Guard, or the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the State or federal rule or
43 regulation shall supersede and prevail over the local ordinance to the extent of the conflict.

44 **SECTION 4.(c)** Duly sworn law enforcement officers of the Town of Pine Knoll
45 Shores, the Carteret County Sheriff's Office, and the Wildlife Resources Commission shall have
46 the authority to enforce any local ordinances adopted under the authority of this section.

47 **SECTION 4.(d)** This section applies only to the Town of Pine Knoll Shores.

48 49 **PART V. EFFECTIVE DATE**

50 **SECTION 5.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
51 law.