



HOUSE BILL 307: Zebulon Charter/Use of Certain Fees

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 307 would amend the charter of the Town of Zebulon to make the following changes for road or drainage projects fees, open space project fees, and recreation project fees:*

- *Add requirement that fee must be rationally related to and no greater than the amount roughly proportional to the impact reasonably expected to be generated by the new construction.*
- *Add requirement that all expenditures from the fund must be in accordance with the general laws of the State of North Carolina.*
- *Change deadline to use fees from 6/10 years to a uniform 10 years.*
- *Delete limitation that expenditures from each fund for any one project cannot exceed 50% of the cost of the project.*

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 307 would amend the charter of the Town of Zebulon to change the imposition and use of fees collected in three areas: road or drainage projects fees, open space project fees, and recreation project fees.

The following sentences are added to each fee:

- "In addition, the fee shall be rationally related to and no greater than the amount roughly proportional to the impact reasonably expected to be generated by the new construction."
- "All expenditures from the trust fund for any ... project shall be in accordance with the general laws of the State of North Carolina."

The following sentence is deleted from each fee:

- "Expenditures from such trust fund for any one ... project shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the capital costs of such individual project."

The deadline for use of the fee is modified from 6 years (10 years if the Town provides the service in conjunction with other units of government) to 10 years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bill 307 would be effective when it becomes law.

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