



HOUSE BILL 874: Cities/Availability Charge/Improved Property

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:	House Local Government, if favorable, Finance	Date:	May 14, 2015
Introduced by:	Reps. Jordan, Ross, Setzer, Watford	Prepared by:	Kelly Tornow Committee Counsel
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SUMMARY: *The PCS for House Bill 874 would authorize cities that operate water and wastewater systems as a public enterprise to require payment of a periodic availability charge if improved property qualifies for the issuance of a building permit and the city has installed water or sewer lines directly available to the property.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 160A-317(a) allows a city to require the property owner to connect the owner's premises with the water or sewer line or both, or to require a periodic availability charge, for developed property having one or more residential dwelling units or commercial establishments located within the city limits and within a reasonable district of any water line or sewer collection line owned, leased, or operated by the city or on behalf of the city.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 874 would additionally allow cities to require payment of a periodic availability charge in the case of improved property that would qualify for the issuance of a building permit for the construction of one or more residential dwelling units or commercial establishments and where the city has installed water or sewer lines or a combination thereof directly to the property.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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