



HOUSE BILL 393: Mebane Charter Revised & Consolidated.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:	House State and Local Government I. If favorable, re-refer to Finance	Date:	March 27, 2017
Introduced by:	Reps. Ross, Riddell	Prepared by:	Billy R. Godwin Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H393-CSBDx-12		

OVERVIEW: *House Bill 393 (proposed committee substitute - PCS) would revise and consolidate the City of Mebane Charter and would become effective when it becomes law.*

The PCS would amend Section 4 of the bill to clarify that the bill:

- *Does not revive prior charter provisions that have already been repealed.*
- *Does repeal prior charter amendments that have been consolidated into the bill.*

CURRENT LAW: The City of Mebane, located partly in Alamance and partly in Orange County, was incorporated as a town by the General Assembly in 1883. The City uses a council-manager form of government with a Mayor and five Council members elected at large during odd numbered years using the nonpartisan plurality method of G.S. 163-292 to serve four year, staggered terms. In 2017, three Council members will be elected and in 2019, a Mayor and two Council members will be elected. In 1907 and again in 1973, various intervening Session Laws applicable to the City of Mebane were consolidated into a revised Charter. In 1987 the town amended its charter pursuant to G.S. 160A-101 to change the style of the corporate name from "Town" of Mebane to "City" of Mebane. In 2006, the General Assembly granted the City authority to maintain sidewalks located in its ETJ.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to House Bill 393 consolidates into the Charter prior Session Laws pertaining to the City of Mebane and makes additional general revisions to the Charter. Specifically the Bill:

- Incorporates into the revised Charter the style of the corporate name "City" of Mebane.
- Specified action to be taken regarding the official map of the City upon alteration of corporate boundaries.
- Incorporates into the revised Charter the ETJ sidewalk authority.
- Updated language in the Charter pertaining to Water and Sewer Improvements.
- Exempts the City from G.S. 160A-58.1(b)(5) which requires satellite annexations to be no more than 10% of an annexing city's primary corporate limits.
- Allows the City Council to, by ordinance, authorize the City Manager to settle claims against the City.
- Makes other conforming changes regarding the impact of the bill on prior acts, laws, or ordinances.
- Contains a severability clause providing that the invalidity of one provision of this act shall not affect the remaining provisions otherwise valid.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill becomes effective when it becomes law.

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