



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 393: Mebane Charter Revised & Consolidated.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee: Senate State and Local Government. If **Date:** June 16, 2017
favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate

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Analysis of: Second Edition **Staff Attorney**

OVERVIEW: *House Bill 393 would revise and consolidate the Charter of the City of Mebane and would become effective when it becomes law.*

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. 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 extraterritorial planning jurisdiction (ETJ).

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. In 2019, a Mayor and two Council members will be elected.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 393 would consolidate into the Charter prior Session Laws pertaining to the City of Mebane and make additional general revisions to the Charter.

Specifically, House Bill 393 would:

- Incorporate into the Charter the corporate name "City" of Mebane.
- Specify action to be taken regarding the official map of the City upon alteration of corporate boundaries.
- Incorporate into the Charter the provisions of S.L. 2006-10 giving the City authority to maintain sidewalks in its ETJ.
- Update language for water and sewer improvements.
- Exempt 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.¹
- Allow the City Council to, by ordinance, authorize the City Manager to settle claims against the City.
- Make other conforming changes regarding the impact of the bill on prior acts, laws, or ordinances.
- Contain 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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¹ The General Assembly has exempted 104 other municipalities from G.S. 160A-58.1(b)(5).

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