



# HOUSE BILL 462: City of Washington/Deannexation of Airport.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 462 would remove a parcel of land from the corporate limits of the City of Washington. This parcel is part of the Washington-Warren Airport.

**CURRENT LAW:** Under Section 1 of Article VII of the North Carolina Constitution, the General Assembly is empowered to "provide for the organization and government and the fixing of boundaries of counties, cities and towns, and other governmental subdivisions, and, except as otherwise prohibited by this Constitution, may give such powers and duties to counties, cities and towns, and other governmental subdivisions as it may deem advisable." Pursuant to this Section, the General Assembly enacted Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes which establishes a statutory procedure for voluntary and involuntary annexation by municipalities. In addition, the General Assembly may legislatively annex property by local act. The General Assembly has not however, enacted any statutory procedure for municipalities to deannex property. Only the General Assembly may deannex property from municipal corporate limits.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 462 would remove a parcel of land from the corporate limits of the City of Washington. This parcel is part of the Washington-Warren Airport.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective June 30, 2023, and apply to tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2023.

**BACKGROUND:** The Washington-Warren Airport (Airport) is owned by the City of Washington but operated by the Washington-Warren Airport Authority. Part of the Airport, including the runways and other facilities, lie outside the corporate limits of the City of Washington but, a portion of the Airport remains within the corporate limits. On June 13, 2022, the Washington City Council unanimously approved a motion to request the General Assembly to deannex the remaining part of the Airport property from its corporate limits.

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