



HOUSE BILL 1215: Garner Town Mgr./Settle Claims.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 1215 would amend the Charter of the Town of Garner so that the town council can authorize the town manager to settle certain claims of ten thousand dollars or less and certain eminent domain claims.*

CURRENT LAW: Section 6.2 of the Charter of the Town of Garner, Chapter 333 of the 1977 Session Laws, allows the town council to authorize the town manager to settle claims against the town for personal injury or damage to property when the amount does not exceed the sum of \$100 and does not exceed the actual loss sustained, including loss of time, medical expenses, and any other expense actually incurred. All settlements must be approved by the town attorney.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 1215 would amend the Charter of the Town of Garner to do the following:

- Allow the town council to authorize the town manager to also settle (i) eminent domain cases filed by the town when the amount involved does not exceed the amount budgeted for property or easement acquisition for the approved capital improvement project and (ii) claims made by the town or debts owed to the town when the amount does not exceed \$10,000.
- Increase the cap on the referral to the town manager for settlement for personal injury or property damage from \$100 to \$10,000.
- Require that all settlements be reported to the town council in a timely manner.
- Direct that settlements of claims constitute a complete release of the town from all damages sustained by a person involved in the settlement arising from the same claim.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would become effective when it becomes law.

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