

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2052

Short Title: Winston-Salem/Assessments Exemption. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Brown; and McGee.

Referred to: Local Government I, if favorable, Finance.

May 27, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO
ESTABLISH AN EXEMPTION FROM ASSESSMENTS FOR LOTS OR PARCELS OF
LAND ENCUMBERED BY A CITY OR COUNTY GREENWAY EASEMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 14(c) of Chapter 224 of the Private Laws of 1927, as amended by Chapter 144 of the 1965 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

~~"(e)-(c1)~~ *Water mains and sewers.* In the case of water mains and storm and sanitary sewers, the cost of not exceeding an eight-inch water or sanitary sewer main and of not exceeding a thirty inch storm sewer main and of such portion of said mains as lie within the limits of the street or streets, or part thereof, to be improved as provided in the petition or resolution ordering the same, shall be assessed against the abutting property. Such costs shall be assessed against the lots and parcels of land abutting on said street or streets, or parts thereof, according to their respective frontages thereon (i.e. the entire frontage benefited by the water or sanitary sewer project) by an equal rate per foot of such frontage: *Provided*, that in case of a corner lot, used as a single lot, where there is a water main or sewer already laid on the intersecting street on which such lot abuts and by which such lot is or can be served, no assessment shall be made against said lot for the second water main or sewer for any part of the frontage of said lot except that portion in excess of one hundred and fifty feet if said lot is in a residential section of the municipality, or in excess of one hundred feet if said lot is in a business section of the municipality, and in such case such portion of said cost as would otherwise be assessed against said lot shall be borne by the municipality: *Provided further*, that if a water or sanitary sewer main in excess of eight inches in size or a storm sewer main in excess of thirty inches in size is laid in said portion of said street or streets, then the cost of such water or sanitary sewer main in excess of the cost of an eight-inch main and the cost of such storm sewer main in excess of a thirty-inch main shall be borne by the municipality: *Provided further*, that if the resolution ordered by the construction of any pumping station, outfall, septic tank or disposal plant, no part of the cost of the same shall be specially assessed. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the right of any municipality to contract with any property owner or owners for the construction of any pumping station, outfall, septic tank or disposal plant or for the construction of water mains or storm or sanitary sewers and for the assessment of the cost thereof according to the terms of such contract.

(c2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c1) of this section, in the case of water mains and storm and sanitary sewers, the city council or a board or commission designated by the city council shall have the authority to establish an exemption from assessments for a lot or parcel of land that is encumbered by a city or county greenway easement or easements, according to the length of frontage so encumbered, provided that the



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1 exemption shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the total frontage of the lot or parcel
2 of land."

3 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the City of Winston-Salem only.

4 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.