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HOUSE BILL 111*
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/15/17

Short Title: Winston-Salem/Service by Publication Cost. (Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 16, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM MAY RECOVER THE COST OF SERVING COMPLAINTS AND ORDERS BY PUBLICATION IN HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT CASES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-443 reads as rewritten:

"**§ 160A-443. Ordinance authorized as to repair, closing, and demolition; order of public officer.**

Upon the adoption of an ordinance finding that dwelling conditions of the character described in G.S. 160A-441 exist within a city, the governing body of the city is hereby authorized to adopt and enforce ordinances relating to dwellings within the city's territorial jurisdiction that are unfit for human habitation. These ordinances shall include the following provisions:

…

(6) Liens. –

a. That the amount of the actual cost of service of complaints and orders by publication, repairs, alterations or improvements, or vacating and closing, or removal or demolition by the public officer shall be a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred, which lien shall be filed, have the same priority, and be collected as the lien for special assessment provided in Article 10 of this Chapter.

…."

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

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to complaints or orders pursuant to Part 6 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes issued on or after that date.