

February 2, 1999

S 18. CARTHAGE CHARTER CONSOLIDATION. TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CARTHAGE. Council consists of five members and a mayor, elected at-large using nonpartisan plurality method. Establishes staggered four-year terms, without affecting current terms. Vacancies on council will be filled for remainder of unexpired term, despite contrary provisions of GS 160A-63.

Town operates under council-manager plan. Specifically authorizes manager to appoint town clerk and tax collector and their deputies and other nonelected town officers, department heads, and employees, except town attorney (appointed by council). Specifies that mayor and council may not take part in the appointment or removal of town employees, etc., and must deal with officers and employees in administrative service only through the manager, acting manager, or interim manager, except for the purpose of inquiry or for consultation with the town attorney. Mayor and council may not give orders or directions to any subordinate of the manager, etc., either publicly or privately. Council may authorize manager to make final settlement of certain small claims against the town, with advance approval by town attorney.

Allows council to make specified street and sidewalk improvements without a petition. Authorizes council to establish charges for the cost of removing abandoned, junked, or nuisance motor vehicles from private property; in specified cases charges may become a lien against the real property from which vehicle was removed. Allows town, with approval of board of county commissioners, to extend its extraterritorial area up to two miles outside the corporate limits, despite contrary provisions of GS 160A-360. Authorizes council to exercise general law authority with respect to minimum housing standards contained in GS 160A-443(5a), despite town's not meeting population requirements of that section.

Intro. by Lee and Kinnaird.

Ref. to St. Gov. □ MOORE □ □

March 29, 1999

S 18. CARTHAGE CHARTER CONSOLIDATION. Intro. 2/2/1999. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes provisions allowing town to impose assessments for street and sidewalk improvements without petition, and to order abandoned buildings repaired or demolished.

June 15, 1999

S 18. CARTHAGE CHARTER CONSOL./ANNEX. Intro. 2/2/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Adds a provision authorizing the Village of Pinehurst and the Town of Carthage to enter into an annexation agreement along a boundary specified in the bill. Provides that any such annexation agreement may not be terminated by the two municipalities before its set expiration. Provides that GS 160A-58.27(i) (which provides that a municipality that is prohibited from annexing a certain area by an annexation agreement may nonetheless petition the superior court for authority to annex if that is the only way to remedy an imminent threat to public health or safety) will not apply.

June 22, 1999

S 18. CARTHAGE CHARTER CONSOLIDATION. Intro. 2/2/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Deletes provision requiring that vacancies that occur in any elective office in the Town of Carthage shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, despite the contrary provisions of GS 160A-63.

