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H 243. ANNEXATION NOTICE. Filed 2/15/07. *TO REQUIRE THAT ALL PROPERTY OWNERS MUST BE NOTIFIED OF PROPOSED INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATIONS BY CERTIFIED MAIL, THAT MUNICIPALITIES THAT OPERATE A CABLE PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL MUST AIR A NOTICE OF PROPOSED INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATIONS, AND TO REQUIRE THAT PROPOSED INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATIONS MEET BOTH THE DENSITY AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.* Amends GS 160A-37(b) and 160A-49(b) to require an annexing municipality with a cable public access channel to air daily notice of a public hearing concerning annexation during the 30 days before the public meeting. Also requires notice of the meeting to be mailed to property owners in the area to be annexed by certified mail instead of first class mail. Amends GS 160A-48(c) to include in the definition of an area developed for urban purposes an area meeting all of the following: (1) has a total resident population equal to at least two and three-tenths persons per acre of land; (2) has a total resident population of at least one person per acre and is subdivided into lots so that 60% of the total acreage consists of lots three acres or less and 65% of the lots are one acre or less; and (3) is developed so that at least 60% of the lots are used for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, or governmental purposes and at least 60% of the total acreage consists of lots three acres or less. Current law requires that only one of the three conditions be met. Effective for annexation ordinances adopted on or after July 1, 2007.

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