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Sen. Andy Wells and  
Rep. Sarah Stevens  
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Administrative Procedure and Oversight Committee  
via email to andy.wells@ncleg.net  
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**Re: Report of Town's Criminally Enforceable Ordinances  
N.C. Session Laws 2018-69 and 2019-198  
Town of Gaston, Northampton County**

Dear Committee Chairpersons,

My name is Geoffrey P. Davis, and I am the Town of Gaston's attorney. In an effort to comply with the Town's ordinance reporting requirements under N.C. Session Laws 2018-69 and 2019-198, the Town submits the attached list of ordinances.

Please be advised that I have recently begun representing the Town of Gaston, and that I am in the process of a proposal to overhaul and modernize all of the Town's code. Should the Town see this process through, there could potentially be several significant changes to the information I am submitting on the Town's behalf today.

Please let me know if you or the other committee members have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Geoffrey P. Davis

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**TOWN OF GASTON**  
**CRIMINALLY ENFORCEABLE ORDINANCES**

In compliance with N.C. Session Laws 2018-69 and 2019-198, the Town of Gaston, Northampton County submits the following list of ordinances to the Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 14-4, these do not include any Town ordinances regulating the operation or parking of vehicles, or those ordinances which the Town has expressly decriminalized.

Jukeboxes and Piccolos: Prohibits loudspeakers, jukeboxes, or piccolos to be operated between 10 PM and 10 AM and all day on Sundays.

Ordinance Relating to Unnecessary Noise: Prohibits unnecessary noises and enumerates 19 kinds of noise that are de facto unnecessary.

Streets and Sidewalks: Prohibits certain acts that undermine or damage roads and sidewalks, and requires permits to construct the same.

Ordinance Prohibiting Carnivals and Circuses: Prohibits operation of carnivals and circuses without a permit to do the same.

Privilege License and Taxes: Prohibits conducting of business without a license and without paying the applicable privilege license tax.

Regulation of the Sale of Beer and Wine: Regulates the sell and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Regulation of Pool Rooms and Other Amusements: Restricts the hours for pool rooms and certain listed amusements, and requires a license to operate same.

Disorderly Conduct and Public Nuisances: Prohibits the creation or maintenance of a public nuisance, and prohibits vagrancy, use of profanity in a public place, public drunkenness, trespassing, and unlawful discharging of firearms and air-guns.

Ordinance Regulating the Operation of Self-Service Gas Stations: Regulates the dispensing of Class 1 liquids as defined in the 1970 Fire Prevention Code.

Ordinance Regulating Unauthorized Use of Fire Hydrants: Prohibits tampering, destruction, defacement, and unauthorized use of fire hydrants.

Failing to Pay for Taxi Service: Prohibits refusing to pay for taxi service after hiring the same.

Health and Disease Prevention: Prohibits allowing or creating unsanitary conditions on property.

Animals: Prohibits allowing animals, including dogs, running at large.

Ordinance Regulating the Burning of Trash and Refuse: Regulates how trash and refuse is burned.

Ordinance Regulating the Keeping of Livestock: Prohibits the keeping of livestock.

Ordinance Regulating Location of Septic Tanks and Drainage Fields: Restricts location of septic tanks and drainage fields.

Ordinance Regulating the Accumulation, Collection of Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris: Regulates the collection and disposal of garbage, trash and yard debris in the Town.

Ordinance to Enforce the Cutting of Weed on Town Lots: Requires owners to keep premises cut and free of trash, noxious weeds, and other refuse.

Ordinance Regulating Water System: Requires permit for operation of water systems, and prohibits tampering, damage or obstruction of water system, and regulates the use of water therefrom.

Ordinance Quarantining Dogs: Prohibits dogs running at large.

Sign Ordinance: Regulates the placement and content of signage, and requiring permits in certain situations.

Ordinance Regulating the Consumption of Alcohol: Regulates drinking in public places, including those owned by the Town.

Ordinance Relating to the Care and Control of Animals: Regulates keeping of animals in the Town limits, and prohibits owners from abandoning and neglecting them.

Ordinance Prohibiting Public Urination and Defecation: Prohibits urination and defecation in public.

Ordinance Prohibiting Certain Activities At the Walking Trail At the Dwight Hall Recreation Center: Enumerates allowed and prohibited uses at the walking trail.

Ordinance Prohibiting Alteration of Watercourses Without a Permit: Prohibits diversion and alterations to natural watercourses.

Ordinance Authorizing Entertainment Clubs: Regulates and requires licensing of entertainment clubs.

Ordinance Requiring Review of Available Water and Sewer Services: Requires an evaluation of water and sewer services to a property prior to the granting of a zoning permit.

Ordinance Providing for Removal and Disposition of Abandoned and Junked Vehicles: Prohibits abandoned and junked vehicles, and ones that create a public nuisance. Provides for disposition of same.

Ordinance Regulating Protection of Youth: Establishes a curfew for persons under 18 in public places of the Town during certain hours.

Tree Ordinance: Regulates planting, maintenance, and removal of trees, shrubs and other plants.

Electronic Gaming Ordinance: Ordinance regulating operation of electronic games (including sweepstakes).