



# SENATE BILL 126: City of Asheville/Parking Meter Proceeds.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 126 would authorize the City of Asheville to expand the use of proceeds collected from on-street parking for any public purpose, including payment of debt service to finance parking facilities.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Cities in North Carolina may use proceeds from parking meters on public streets only to defray the cost of enforcing and administering traffic and parking ordinances and regulations. Proceeds collected from off-street parking facilities may be pledged to amortize bonds issued to finance such facilities or be used for any other public purpose (G.S. 160A-301).

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 126 would authorize the City of Asheville to use the proceeds from charging for on-street parking for any public purpose.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective when it becomes law.

**BACKGROUND:** The General Assembly has granted the following municipalities authority to use the proceeds from parking meters on public streets for any public purpose: Atlantic Beach (S.L. 2011-79); Beaufort (S.L. 2011-79); Carolina Beach (S.L. 2001-9); Holden Beach (S.L. 2022-38); Kure Beach (S.L. 2001-9); Sunset Beach (S.L. 2016-9); Surf City (S.L. 2021-46); Wrightsville Beach (S.L. 1998-86); Wilmington (S.L. 2001-9).

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