

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 35
HOUSE BILL 211

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COUNCIL TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF RENTAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY TO AUTHORIZE AN AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Charter of the City of Greensboro, being Chapter 1137 of the 1959 Session Laws as amended, is further amended by adding a new section to read:

"Sec. 5.76. **Owner of rental property shall authorize agent to accept service of process.** – The City Council may, by ordinance, require that each owner of rental property within the city authorize a person residing in Guilford County to serve as his or her agent for the purpose of accepting service of process in an action involving a violation of an inspection ordinance adopted under Parts 5 or 6 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes. The owner shall provide, on a form supplied by the Housing Inspection Department, the authorized agent's name, address, and phone number. The owner shall notify the Housing Inspection Department of any changes in the information provided not more than 10 days after such changes have occurred. Nothing in this section shall require an owner to designate an agent to accept service of process where the owner of the rental property resides within the city."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of April, 1995.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives