

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1999

SENATE BILL 543  
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING BY FORSYTH COUNTY, THE TOWNS OF  
KERNERSVILLE AND LEWISVILLE, AND THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 381 of the 1973 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"Section 1. Section 23 of Chapter 677 of the Session Laws of 1947, as amended, is hereby amended as follows: by inserting between the first and second paragraphs thereof the eight following paragraphs:

'The Board of Aldermen of the City of Winston-Salem is hereby empowered, in accordance with the conditions and procedure specified in this act, by ordinance to regulate in any portion or portions of the City of Winston-Salem the uses of buildings and structures for trade, industry, residence, recreation, public activities or other purposes, and the uses of land for trade, industry, residence, recreation, agriculture, water supply conservations, soil conservation, forestry or other purposes.

For any or all these purposes, the City may divide its territorial jurisdiction into districts of any number, shape, and area that may be deemed best suited to carry out the purposes of this section; and within those districts it may regulate and restrict the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair or use of buildings, structures, or land. All regulations shall be uniform for each class or kind of buildings throughout each district, but the regulations in one district may differ from those in other districts; provided, however, that the City may provide for the creation of special use districts in addition to general use districts.

It is the purpose and intent of this section to permit Winston-Salem to create general use districts in which a variety of uses are permitted, and to also create special use districts in which a single use is permitted upon the issuance by the Board of Aldermen of a special use permit prescribing the conditions under which such use will be permitted.

A person petitioning for rezoning of a tract of land, where special use districts are authorized by ordinance, may elect to request general use district zoning for said tract, or he may elect to request special use district zoning for said tract.

If he elects to petition for general use district zoning, he may not refer, either in his petition or at any hearings related to the petition, to the use intended for the property upon rezoning. The Board of Aldermen may not consider the intended use in determining whether to approve or disapprove the petition, but shall consider the full range of uses permitted within the requested general use district. If the petition is approved, the re-zoned property may be used for any of the uses permitted in the applicable general use district.

If the petitioner elects to petition for special use district zoning, the petition must specify the actual use intended for the property specified in the petition, and the intended use must be one permitted in the corresponding general use district. If the petition is for special use district zoning, the Board of Aldermen is to approve or disapprove the petition on the basis of the specific use requested. If the petition is approved, the Board of Aldermen shall issue a special use district permit authorizing the requested use with such reasonable conditions as the Board of Aldermen determines to be desirable in promoting public health, safety and general welfare. The act of issuing a

special use district permit shall be deemed to be a legislative act of the Board of Aldermen, and the procedural standards applicable to the legislative acts shall apply to the consideration and issuance of a special use permit.

The conditions contained in a special use permit issued by the Board of Aldermen may include: location of the proposed use on the property; the number of dwelling units; the location and extent of support facilities such as parking lots, driveways, and access streets; location and extent of buffer areas and other special purpose areas; the timing of development; and such other matters as the petitioner may propose and the Board of Aldermen may find ~~appropriate, but not to include architectural review or controls.~~ appropriate.

It is the further intent of this section to permit the creation of districts for specific uses and the imposition of reasonable conditions in order to secure the public health, safety and welfare, and insure that substantial justice be done."

Section 2. Section 2 of Chapter 381 of the 1973 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 2. Section 25 of Chapter 677 of the Session Laws of 1947, as amended, is hereby amended by inserting the seven following paragraphs after the first paragraph therein:

'For any or all these purposes, the County may divide its territorial jurisdiction into districts of any number, shape, and area that may be deemed best suited to carry out the purposes of this section; and within those districts it may regulate and restrict the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair or use of buildings, structures, or land. All regulations shall be uniform for each class or kind of building throughout each district, but the regulations in one district may differ from those in other districts; provided, however, that the County may provide for the creation of special use districts in addition to general use districts.

It is the purpose and intent of this section to permit Forsyth County to create general use districts in which a variety of uses are permitted, and to also create special use districts in which a single use is permitted upon the issuance by the Board of County Commissioners of a special use district permit prescribing the conditions under which such use will be permitted.

A person petitioning for rezoning of a tract of land, where special use districts are authorized by ordinance, may elect to request general use district zoning for said tract, or he may elect to request special use district zoning for said tract.

If he elects to petition for general use district zoning, he may not refer, either in his petition or at any hearings related to the petition, to the use intended for the property upon rezoning. The Board of County Commissioners may not consider the intended use in determining whether to approve or disapprove the petition, but shall consider the full range of uses permitted within the requested general use district. If the petition is approved, the re-zoned property may be used for any of the uses permitted in the applicable general use district.

If the petitioner elects to petition for special use district zoning, the petition must specify the actual use intended for the property specified in the petition, and the intended use must be one permitted in the corresponding general use district. If the petition is for special use district zoning, the Board of County Commissioners is to approve or disapprove the petition on the basis of the specific use requested. If the petition is approved, the Board shall issue a special use district permit authorizing the requested use with such reasonable conditions as the Board determines to be desirable in promoting public health, safety and general welfare. The act of issuing a special use district permit shall be deemed to be a legislative act of the Board of County Commissioners, and the procedural standards applicable to the legislative acts shall apply to the consideration and issuance of a special use permit.

The conditions contained in a special use permit issued by the Board may include: location of the proposed use on the property; the number of dwelling units; the location and extent of support facilities such as parking lots, driveways, and access streets;

location and extent of buffer areas and other special purpose areas; the timing of development; and such other matters as the petitioner may propose and the Board may find appropriate, but not to include architectural review or controls.

It is the further intent of this section to permit the creation of districts for specific uses and the imposition of reasonable conditions in order to secure the public health, safety and welfare, and insure that substantial justice be done."

Section 3. The Charter of the Town of Kernersville, being Chapter 381 of the 1989 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new section to read:

"Sec. 27.1. **Zoning.** The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Kernersville is hereby empowered by ordinance to regulate in any portion or portions of the Town the uses of buildings and structures for trade, industry, residence, recreation, public activities, or other purposes, and the uses of land for trade, industry, residence, recreation, agriculture, water supply conservation, soil conservation, forestry, or other purposes.

For any or all of these purposes, the Town may divide its territorial jurisdiction into districts of any number, shape, and area that may be deemed best suited to carry out the purposes of this section; and within those districts it may regulate and restrict the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, or use of buildings, structures, or land. All regulations shall be uniform for each class or kind of buildings throughout each district, but the regulations in one district may differ from those in other districts; provided, however, that the Town may provide for the creation of special use districts in addition to general use districts.

It is the purpose and intent of this section to permit the Town to create general use districts in which a variety of uses are permitted, and to also create special use districts in which a single use is permitted upon the issuance by the Board of Aldermen of a special use permit prescribing the conditions under which such use will be permitted.

A person petitioning for rezoning of a tract of land, where special use districts are authorized by ordinance, may elect to request general use district zoning for said tract, or he may elect to request special use district zoning for said tract.

If he elects to petition for general use district zoning, he may not refer, either in his petition or at any hearings related to the petition, to the use intended for the property upon rezoning. The Board of Aldermen may not consider the intended use in determining whether to approve or disapprove the petition, but shall consider the full range of uses permitted within the requested general use district. If the petition is approved, the rezoned property may be used for any of the uses permitted in the applicable general use district.

If the petitioner elects to petition for special use district zoning, the petition must specify the actual use intended for the property specified in the petition, and the intended use must be one permitted in the corresponding general use district. If the petition is for special use district zoning, the Board of Aldermen is to approve or disapprove the petition on the basis of the specific use requested. If the petition is approved, the Board of Aldermen shall issue a special use district permit authorizing the requested use with such reasonable conditions as the Board of Aldermen determines to be desirable in promoting public health, safety, and general welfare. The act of issuing a special use district permit shall be deemed to be a legislative act of the Board of Aldermen, and the procedural standards applicable to the legislative acts shall apply to the consideration and issuance of a special use permit.

The conditions contained in a special use permit issued by the Board of Aldermen may include: location of the proposed use on the property; the number of dwelling units; the location and extent of support facilities such as parking lots, driveways, and access streets; location and extent of buffer areas and other special purpose areas; the timing of development; and such other matters as the petitioner may propose and the Board of Aldermen may find appropriate.

It is the further intent of this section to permit the creation of districts for specific uses and the imposition of reasonable conditions in order to secure the public health, safety, and welfare, and insure that substantial justice be done."

Section 4. The Charter of the Town of Lewisville, being Chapter 116 of the 1991 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new section to read:

"Section 5-3. **Zoning.** The Town Council of the Town of Lewisville is hereby empowered by ordinance to regulate in any portion or portions of the Town the uses of buildings and structures for trade, industry, residence, recreation, public activities, or other purposes, and the uses of land for trade, industry, residence, recreation, agriculture, water supply conservation, soil conservation, forestry, or other purposes.

For any or all of these purposes, the Town may divide its territorial jurisdiction into districts of any number, shape, and area that may be deemed best suited to carry out the purposes of this section; and within those districts it may regulate and restrict the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, or use of buildings, structures, or land. All regulations shall be uniform for each class or kind of buildings throughout each district, but the regulations in one district may differ from those in other districts; provided, however, that the Town may provide for the creation of special use districts in addition to general use districts.

It is the purpose and intent of this section to permit the Town to create general use districts in which a variety of uses are permitted, and to also create special use districts in which a single use is permitted upon the issuance by the Town Council of a special use permit prescribing the conditions under which such use will be permitted.

A person petitioning for rezoning of a tract of land, where special use districts are authorized by ordinance, may elect to request general use district zoning for said tract, or he may elect to request special use district zoning for said tract.

If he elects to petition for general use district zoning, he may not refer, either in his petition or at any hearings related to the petition, to the use intended for the property upon rezoning. The Town Council may not consider the intended use in determining whether to approve or disapprove the petition, but shall consider the full range of uses permitted within the requested general use district. If the petition is approved, the rezoned property may be used for any of the uses permitted in the applicable general use district.

If the petitioner elects to petition for special use district zoning, the petition must specify the actual use intended for the property specified in the petition, and the intended use must be one permitted in the corresponding general use district. If the petition is for special use district zoning, the Town Council is to approve or disapprove the petition on the basis of the specific use requested. If the petition is approved, the Town Council shall issue a special use district permit authorizing the requested use with such reasonable conditions as the Town Council determines to be desirable in promoting public health, safety, and general welfare. The act of issuing a special use district permit shall be deemed to be a legislative act of the Town Council, and the procedural standards applicable to the legislative acts shall apply to the consideration and issuance of a special use permit.

The conditions contained in a special use permit issued by the Town Council may include: location of the proposed use on the property; the number of dwelling units; the location and extent of support facilities such as parking lots, driveways, and access streets; location and extent of buffer areas and other special purpose areas; the timing of development; and such other matters as the petitioner may propose and the Town Council may find appropriate.

It is the further intent of this section to permit the creation of districts for specific uses and the imposition of reasonable conditions in order to secure the public health, safety, and welfare, and insure that substantial justice be done."

Section 5. The Charter of the Village of Clemmons, being Section 7 of Chapter 437 of the 1985 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new Article to read:

**"ARTICLE VII. ADMINISTRATION.**

"Sec. 7.1. **Zoning.** The Village Council of the Village of Clemmons is hereby empowered by ordinance to regulate in any portion or portions of the Village the uses of buildings and structures for trade, industry, residence, recreation, public activities, or

other purposes, and the uses of land for trade, industry, residence, recreation, agriculture, water supply conservation, soil conservation, forestry, or other purposes.

For any or all of these purposes, the Village may divide its territorial jurisdiction into districts of any number, shape, and area that may be deemed best suited to carry out the purposes of this section; and within those districts it may regulate and restrict the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, or use of buildings, structures, or land. All regulations shall be uniform for each class or kind of buildings throughout each district, but the regulations in one district may differ from those in other districts; provided, however, that the Village may provide for the creation of special use districts in addition to general use districts.

It is the purpose and intent of this section to permit the Town to create general use districts in which a variety of uses are permitted, and to also create special use districts in which a single use is permitted upon the issuance by the Board of Aldermen of a special use permit prescribing the conditions under which such use will be permitted.

A person petitioning for rezoning of a tract of land, where special use districts are authorized by ordinance, may elect to request general use district zoning for said tract, or he may elect to request special use district zoning for said tract.

If he elects to petition for general use district zoning, he may not refer, either in his petition or at any hearings related to the petition, to the use intended for the property upon rezoning. The Village Council may not consider the intended use in determining whether to approve or disapprove the petition, but shall consider the full range of uses permitted within the requested general use district. If the petition is approved, the rezoned property may be used for any of the uses permitted in the applicable general use district.

If the petitioner elects to petition for special use district zoning, the petition must specify the actual use intended for the property specified in the petition, and the intended use must be one permitted in the corresponding general use district. If the petition is for special use district zoning, the Village Council is to approve or disapprove the petition on the basis of the specific use requested. If the petition is approved, the Village Council shall issue a special use district permit authorizing the requested use with such reasonable conditions as the Village Council determines to be desirable in promoting public health, safety, and general welfare. The act of issuing a special use district permit shall be deemed to be a legislative act of the Village Council, and the procedural standards applicable to the legislative acts shall apply to the consideration and issuance of a special use permit.

The conditions contained in a special use permit issued by the Village Council may include: location of the proposed use on the property; the number of dwelling units; the location and extent of support facilities such as parking lots, driveways, and access streets; location and extent of buffer areas and other special purpose areas; the timing of development; and such other matters as the petitioner may propose and the Board of Aldermen may find appropriate.

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Section 6. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 27th day of May, 1999.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives