

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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HOUSE BILL 1546  
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Short Title: Greenville Fees/Weedy Lots.

(Local)

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May 27, 1998

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO CHARGE A FEE NOT  
3 TO EXCEED TEN DOLLARS FOR UNCERTIFIED COPIES OF POLICE  
4 INCIDENT OR ACCIDENT REPORTS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO  
5 GIVE ANNUAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION TO CHRONIC VIOLATORS OF THE  
6 CITY'S OVERGROWN VEGETATION ORDINANCE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8           Section 1. A municipality may charge a fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00)  
9 for an uncertified copy of a police incident or accident report, except that a representative  
10 of a newspaper, wire service, radio station, or television station shall not be charged a fee  
11 that exceeds the municipality's actual cost of making the uncertified copy and the  
12 operator of a vehicle involved in an accident shall be entitled to one free copy of an  
13 uncertified copy. The fees collected shall be used for law enforcement purposes only.

14           Section 2. A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the municipality's  
15 overgrown vegetation ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation  
16 of the ordinance, the municipality shall, without further notice in the calendar year in  
17 which notice is given, take action to remedy the violation and the expense of the action  
18 shall become a lien upon the property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes. The notice

1 shall be served by registered or certified mail. A chronic violator is a person who owns  
2 property whereupon, in the previous calendar year, the municipality took remedial action  
3 at least three times under the overgrown vegetation ordinance.

4           Section 3. This act applies to the Towns of Denton and Farmville and the City  
5 of Greenville only.

6           Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.