

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1647

Short Title: Amend Asheville Charter.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Nesbitt, Sherrill, Cansler, and Ives.

Referred to: Local and Regional Government II.

May 28, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT COUNCIL MEETINGS BE HELD AT LEAST ONCE EACH WEEK AND TO CHANGE THE MANNER IN WHICH ORDINANCES ARE REVISED OR AMENDED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 8 of the Charter of the City of Asheville, being Chapter 121 of the Private Laws of 1931, as amended by Section IV of Ordinance No. 1501 of the City of Asheville, adopted March 19, 1985, pursuant to Part 4 of Article 5 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, reads as rewritten:

"On its first regular meeting date in December following a regular municipal election, the council shall meet at the usual place for holding its meetings, and the newly elected mayor and councilmembers shall assume the duties of office. Before entering upon the duties of their offices, the newly elected mayor and councilmen shall severally make oath before the retiring mayor, city clerk or some person authorized by law to administer oaths to perform faithfully the duties of their respective offices. Thereafter the council shall meet at such times as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution, but not less frequently than once each week resolution. Special meetings shall be called by the clerk upon written request of the mayor or of the city manager or of three members of the council. No less than 12 hours' notice of special meetings shall be given to each member of the council at

1 such address, within the corporate limits of the City of Asheville, as he shall designate  
2 and such notice shall be published at least once prior to the meeting in a daily newspaper  
3 of the city. The notice must state the subject or subjects to be considered at the meeting  
4 and no other subject or subjects may be there considered."

5 Section 2. Section 18 of the Charter of the City of Asheville, being Chapter  
6 121 of the Private Laws of 1931, reads as rewritten:

7 "No ordinance ~~or resolution~~ or section thereof shall be revised or amended except by a  
8 new ordinance ~~or resolution~~ containing the entire ~~ordinance, resolution~~ ordinance or section  
9 as revised or ~~amended and repealing the original ordinance, resolution or section.~~ amended."

10 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.