

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 324  
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/28/23

Short Title: Durham/Matthews/Elect. Notice Public Hearings. (Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 13, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DURHAM AND DURHAM COUNTY TO USE  
3 ELECTRONIC MEANS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS  
4 UNDER CHAPTER 160D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND AUTHORIZING THE  
5 TOWN OF MATTHEWS TO USE ELECTRONIC MEANS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC  
6 NOTICE FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC HEARINGS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** The governing body of a city or county may adopt ordinances  
9 providing that notice of public hearings required under Chapter 160D of the General Statutes  
10 may be given by a joint planning board created pursuant to Part 1 of Article 20 of Chapter 160A  
11 of the General Statutes through electronic means, including, but not limited to, the city's or  
12 county's website. Ordinances adopted pursuant to this act shall not supersede any State law that  
13 requires notice by mail to certain classes of people or the posting of signs on certain property and  
14 shall not alter the publication schedule for any public notice.

15 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section applies only to the City of Durham and Durham  
16 County.

17 **SECTION 2.** Sections 1 and 2 of S.L. 2007-86, as amended by S.L. 2008-5, read as  
18 rewritten:

19 "SECTION 1. The governing body of a city or town may adopt ordinances providing that  
20 notice of public hearings may be given through electronic means, including, but not limited to,  
21 the Town's ~~Internet site~~-website. Ordinances adopted pursuant to this section shall not supersede  
22 any State law that requires notice by mail to certain classes of people or the posting of signs on  
23 certain property and shall not alter the publication schedule for any public notice.

24 "SECTION 2. This act applies only to the Towns of Apex, Cary, Garner, ~~and~~  
25 ~~Knightsdale, Knightsdale, and Matthews.~~"

26 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

