GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 57
SENATE BILL 200

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF SNEADS FERRY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A Charter for the Town of Sneads Ferry is enacted to read:
"CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SNEADS FERRY.
"Chapter I.
"Incorporation and Corporate Powers.

"Section 1.1. Incorporation and corporate powers. The inhabitants of the Town of Sneads Ferry are a body corporate and politic under the name 'Town of Sneads Ferry'. Under that name they have all the powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities conferred and imposed upon cities by the general law of North Carolina.

"Chapter II.
"Corporate Boundaries.

"Sec. 2.1. Town Boundaries. Until modified in accordance with law, the boundaries of the Town of Sneads Ferry are as follows:

In Onslow County, BEGINNING at a point where the mean high water line of the southern bank of New River intersects N.C. Highway 172; thence along the mean high water line of said river in a southeasterly direction to a point where New River intersects Stump Sound; thence along the mean high water line of the western edge of Stump Sound to a point where Stump Sound empties into Chadwick Bay; thence along the mean high water line of the northern edge of Chadwick Bay to a point; thence along the mean high water line of the western edge of Chadwick Bay to a point, said point being the point of intersection of Chadwick Bay and the centerline of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; thence along the centerline of said waterway in a southwesterly direction to a point where the centerline of said waterway intersects the mean high water line extended of the eastern edge of Goose Bay; thence along the mean high water line of the eastern edge of Goose Bay to a point, said point being the point of intersection of the mean high water line of Goose Bay and the centerline of Great Branch; thence in a northwesterly direction along the run of Great Branch to the point of intersection of the run of Great Branch with the southeastern line of the R.A. Jenkins Heirs property; thence in a southwesterly direction with the R.A. Jenkins Heirs line to a point; thence in a northwesterly direction with the southwestern line of the Jenkins Heirs property to a point; thence in a northeasterly direction with the northwestern Jenkins line to a point where said line intersects the run of Brick Chimney Branch; thence along the run of Brick Chimney Branch in a westerly direction to a point where the run of Brick Chimney Branch intersects the centerline of the east prong of Turkey Creek; thence

along the centerline of the east prong of Turkey Creek in a northerly direction to a point 300 feet south of the centerline of N.C.S.R. 1518; thence in a westerly direction 300 feet south of and parallel to the centerline of N.C.S.R. 1518 to a point 300 feet south of the intersection of the centerline of N.C.S.R. 1518 with the centerline of N.C.S.R. 1528; thence in a northerly direction to the point of intersection of the centerline of N.C.S.R. 1518 with the centerline of N.C.S.R. 1528; thence along the centerline of N.C.S.R. 1518 in a westerly direction 300 feet to a point; thence leaving said centerline in a northerly direction parallel and 300 feet west of the centerline of N.C.S.R. 1528 to a point in the centerline of N.C. Highway 172, said point being located 300 feet west of the intersection of the centerline of N.C. Highway 172 with the centerline of N.C.S.R. 1528; thence along the centerline of N.C. Highway 172 in an easterly direction to a point; thence leaving said centerline and with the southeastern line of the International Paper Company property in a northeasterly direction to the centerline of N.C. Highway 210; thence along the centerline of N.C. Highway 210 in a northwesterly direction to a point where the centerline of N.C. Highway 210 intersects the centerline of Everett Creek; thence leaving N.C. Highway 210 and along the centerline of Everett Creek in a general northeasterly direction to a point where the centerline of Everett Creek intersects the mean high water line of the southern edge of New River; thence along said mean high water line in a northeasterly direction to the point and place of beginning.

Excepting the incorporated areas of the Town of Chadwick Acres, as described in Chapter 1014, Session Laws of 1961.

"Chapter III.

"Governing Body.

"Sec. 3.1. Structure of governing body; number of members. The governing body of the Town of Sneads Ferry is the Town Council, which has four members.

"Sec. 3.2. Manner of electing board. The qualified voters of the entire Town elect the members of the Council.

"Sec. 3.3. Term of office of Council members. Members of the Town Council shall be elected in 1989 and biennially thereafter for two-year terms.

"Sec. 3.4. Selection of Mayor; term of office. The qualified voters of the entire Town elect the Mayor. A mayor shall be elected in 1989 and biennially thereafter for a two-year term.

"Chapter IV.

"Elections.

"Sec. 4.1. Conduct of Town elections. The Town Council shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined by the plurality method as provided by G.S. 163-292.

"Chapter V.

"Administration.

"Sec. 5.1. Mayor-Council plan. The Town of Sneads Ferry operates under the Mayor-Council plan as provided by Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes."

Sec. 2. Until members of the Town Council are elected in 1989 in accordance with the Town Charter and the law of North Carolina, A. K. Everett, Sr., shall serve as Mayor and Charles Lauer, Janet York, Thomas C. Webb, Dr. Floyd Holley and Patricia M. Hall shall serve as members of the Town Council, which shall have five members until after the 1989 election when four members are to be elected as provided by the Charter.

Sec. 3. From and after July 1, 1989, the citizens and property in the Town of Sneads Ferry shall be subject to municipal taxes levied for the year beginning July 1, 1989, and for that purpose the Town shall obtain from Onslow County a record of property in the area herein incorporated which was listed for taxes as of January 1, 1989, and the businesses in the Town shall be liable for privilege license tax from the effective date of the privilege license tax ordinance. The Town may adopt a budget ordinance for fiscal year 1989-90 without following the timetable in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Sec. 4. (a) The Onslow County Board of Elections shall conduct an election on a date set by it, to be not less than 60 nor more than 120 days after the date of ratification of this act, for the purpose of submission to the qualified voters of the area described in Section 2.1 of the Charter of Sneads Ferry, the question of whether or not such area shall be incorporated as Sneads Ferry. Registration for the election shall be conducted in accordance with G.S. 163-288.2.

(b) In the election, the question on the ballot shall be:

"[ ] FOR Incorporation of Sneads Ferry
[ ] AGAINST Incorporation of Sneads Ferry".

Sec. 5. In such election, if a majority of the votes cast are not cast "FOR Incorporation of Sneads Ferry", then Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall have no force and effect.

Sec. 6. In such election, if a majority of the votes cast shall be cast "FOR Incorporation of Sneads Ferry" then Section 1 through 3 of this act shall become effective on the date that the Onslow County Board of Elections determines the result of the election.

Sec. 7. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17th day of April, 1989.