GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 1999

HOUSE BILL 776 **RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS TO GIVE ANNUAL NOTICE TO CHRONIC VIOLATORS OF THE CITY'S OVERGROWN VEGETATION ORDINANCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the municipality's overgrown vegetation ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation of the ordinance, the municipality shall, without further notice in the calendar year in which notice is given, take action to remedy the violation and the expense of the action shall become a lien upon the property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes. The initial annual notice shall be served by registered or certified mail. A chronic violator is a person who owns property whereupon, in the previous calendar year, the municipality took remedial action at least three times under the overgrown vegetation ordinance.

Section 2. This act applies to the City of Roanoke Rapids only. Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18th day of May, 1999.

> Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

James B. Black eaker of the House of Representatives