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HOUSE BILL 666*
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/30/07

Short Title: Mecklenburg & Asheville Bldg. Permit Rebates.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 15, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MECKLENBURG COUNTY AND THE CITY OF
2 ASHEVILLE TO PROVIDE BUILDING PERMIT FEE REDUCTIONS OR
3 REBATES FOR BUILDINGS THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED OR RENOVATED
4 USING SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRINCIPLES.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 153A-340 is amended by adding a new subsection to
8 read:

9 "(i) A county may provide reduced building permit fees or rebates for buildings
10 that are constructed or renovated using sustainable design principles in conformity with
11 or exceeding any one or more of the following energy efficiency standards or green
12 building ratings:

13 (1) Standards adopted in 2004 by the American Society of Heating,
14 Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) in
15 ASHRAE 90.1-2004.

16 (2) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver
17 standards developed by the U.S. Green Building Council and referred
18 to as LEED-NB Silver Standard for new buildings or the LEED-EB
19 building standard for existing buildings.

20 (3) A Two Globes rating under the Green Globes program standards
21 adopted by the Green Building Initiative.

22 (4) Any other design or engineering standard that the county determines to
23 be substantially equivalent to the other ratings and standards
24 recognized by this subsection."

25 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 160A-381 is amended by adding a new subsection to
26 read:

27 "(f) A city may provide reduced building permit fees or rebates for buildings that
28 are constructed or renovated using sustainable design principles in conformity with or

1 exceeding any one or more of the following energy efficiency standards or green
2 building ratings:

3 (1) Standards adopted in 2004 by the American Society of Heating,
4 Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) in
5 ASHRAE 90.1-2004.

6 (2) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver
7 standards developed by the U.S. Green Building Council and referred
8 to as LEED-NB Silver Standard for new buildings or the LEED-EB
9 building standard for existing buildings.

10 (3) A Two Globes rating under the Green Globes program standards
11 adopted by the Green Building Initiative.

12 (4) Any other design or engineering standard that the city determines to be
13 substantially equivalent to the other ratings and standards recognized
14 by this subsection."

15 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act applies to the County of Mecklenburg
16 only. Section 2 of this act applies to the City of Asheville only.

17 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.