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HOUSE BILL 1573

Short Title: Incorporate Boardman.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Mercer.

Referred to: Local and Regional Government I.

June 4, 1992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF BOARDMAN IN COLUMBUS  
COUNTY, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A Charter for the Town of Boardman is enacted to read:

**"CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BOARDMAN.**

**"CHAPTER I.**

**"INCORPORATION AND CORPORATE POWERS.**

"Section 1.1. **Incorporation.** The citizens of the area described in Chapter II shall be and constitute a body politic and corporate under the name of 'Town of Boardman' and shall have all the powers, authority, rights, privileges, and immunities conferred upon municipal corporations by the Constitution and general laws of North Carolina.

"Sec. 1.2. **Powers.** The Town shall have all the powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities now vested in the Town and now or hereafter granted to municipal corporations by the laws of the State of North Carolina and by this Charter.

**"CHAPTER II.**

**"CORPORATE BOUNDARIES.**

"Sec. 2.1. Until changed in accordance with law, the boundaries of the Town are: A square centered at the intersection of SR1574 (Old Highway 74) and SR 1506 in Columbus County, extending one mile north, south, east, and west of that point, but excluding any territory in Robeson County within such area.

**"CHAPTER III.**

**"GOVERNING BODY.**

1 "Sec. 3.1. **Number of Members.** The governing body shall be the Mayor and a  
2 Town Council of five members.

3 "Sec. 3.2. **Manner of Election of Council.** The qualified voters of the entire Town  
4 of Boardman shall elect the Town Council.

5 "Sec. 3.3. **Term of Office of Council.** Five council members are to be elected for  
6 four-year terms at the regular Town election in November of 1993 and quadrennially  
7 thereafter.

8 "Sec. 3.4. **Mayor.** The qualified voters of the entire Town of Boardman shall elect  
9 the Mayor in 1993 and quadrennially thereafter for a four-year term.

10 **"CHAPTER IV.**

11 **"ELECTIONS.**

12 "Sec. 4.1. **Conduct of Town Elections.** The Town officers shall be elected on a  
13 nonpartisan basis, and the results determined by plurality as provided in G.S. 163-292.  
14 Elections shall be conducted by the Columbus County Board of Elections.

15 "Sec. 4.2. **Interim Budget.** The Town Council may adopt a budget ordinance for  
16 the 1992-93 fiscal year, following their qualifications for office, without having to  
17 comply with the budget preparation and adoption timetable set out in the Local  
18 Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. For the initial budget for the 1992-93  
19 fiscal year, ad valorem taxes may be paid at par or face amount within 90 days of  
20 adoption of the budget, and thereafter according to the schedule in G.S. 105-360 as if  
21 the taxes had been due on September 1, 1992.

22 "Sec. 4.3. **Initial Council.** Until the organizational meeting of the Town Council  
23 after the 1993 municipal election, Alchester Stanley is appointed Mayor and Christabel  
24 Britt, Belle Ivey, Fred Mason, Mallory Britt, and Louise Mason are appointed as  
25 members of the Town Council.

26 **"CHAPTER V.**

27 **"ADMINISTRATION.**

28 "Sec. 5.1. The Town of Boardman shall operate under the mayor-council plan as  
29 provided in Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes."

30 Sec. 2. (a) The Columbus County Board of Elections shall conduct an  
31 election on November 3, 1992, for the purpose of submission to the qualified voters of  
32 the area described in Sec. 2.1 of the Charter of the Town of Boardman, the question of  
33 whether or not such area shall be incorporated as the Town of Boardman. Registration  
34 for the election shall be conducted in accordance with G.S. 163-288.2.

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

36 "[ ] FOR incorporation of the Town of Boardman

37 [ ] AGAINST incorporation of the Town of Boardman".

38 Sec. 3. In such election, if a majority of the votes are cast "FOR  
39 incorporation of the Town of Boardman," this Charter shall become effective on the  
40 date that the Columbus County Board of Elections determines the result of the election.  
41 Otherwise, Section 1 of this act shall have no force and effect.

42 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.