GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 82 HOUSE BILL 143

AN ACT MAKING A QUALIFIED EXCEPTION FOR THE CITIES OF GREENSBORO AND HIGH POINT AND GUILFORD COUNTY AND PITT COUNTY AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY AND NASH COUNTY FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT FOR CERTAIN GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Geographical information systems databases and data files developed and operated by counties and cities are public records within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. Upon request, the county or city shall furnish copies, in documentary or electronic form, to anyone requesting them for the reasonable cost of the copies. As a condition of furnishing an electronic copy, whether on magnetic tape, magnetic disk, compact disk, or photo-optical device, a county or city may require that the person obtaining the copy agree in writing that the copy will not be resold or redistributed for trade or commercial purposes. For purposes of this section, publication or broadcast by the news media shall not constitute a resale, redistribution, or use of the data for trade or commercial purposes.

Sec. 2. This act applies to the Cities of Greensboro and High Point and Guilford County and Pitt County and Mecklenburg County and Nash County only.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of May, 1993.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives