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SENATE BILL 1516

Short Title: Maple Hill Incorporated.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Jordan.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

May 28, 1998

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF MAPLE HILL.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. A Charter for the Town of Maple Hill is enacted as follows:

5 "CHARTER OF TOWN OF MAPLE HILL.

6 "CHAPTER I.

7 "INCORPORATION AND CORPORATE POWERS.

8 "Section 1.1. **Incorporation and Corporate Powers.** The inhabitants of the Town
9 of Maple Hill, which area is described in Section 2.1 of this Charter, are a body corporate
10 and politic under the name 'Town of Maple Hill'. Under that name they have all the
11 powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities conferred and imposed on cities by the
12 general law of North Carolina.

13 "CHAPTER II.

14 "CORPORATE BOUNDARIES.

15 "Sec. 2.1. **Town Boundaries.** Until modified in accordance with the law, the
16 boundaries of the Town of Maple Hill are as follows:

17 In Upper Holly Township of Pender County, more fully described as:

18 (1) Starting at N.C. Highway 53 East, at the Angola Creek Bridge NE past
19 Gurganus Road.

20 (2) Northwest on Gurganus Road, to Nine Mile Fire District Line.

- 1 (3) Southeast on Gurganus Road to Hardy Graham Road.
2 (4) Starting at N.C. Highway 50, at the Onslow County Line and traveling
3 NW, to NC Highway 53.
4 (5) Starting at the asphalt surface of SR 1520 to NC Highway 53."

5 **"CHAPTER III.**

6 **"GOVERNING BODY.**

7 "Sec. 3.1. **Structure of Governing Body; Number of Members.** The governing
8 body of the Town of Maple Hill is the Town Council, which has five members and the
9 Mayor.

10 "Sec. 3.2. **Temporary Officers.** Until the regular municipal election in 1999,
11 Charles James is appointed Mayor, and James Pickett, Bryant Shepard, Thomas Lee,
12 Isaiah Graham, and Golia Jordan are appointed members of the Town Council, and they
13 shall possess and may exercise the powers granted to the Mayor and Town Council until
14 their successors are elected or appointed and qualify pursuant to this Charter.

15 "Sec. 3.3. **Manner of Electing Town Council; Term of Office.** The qualified
16 voters of the entire Town shall elect the members of the Town Council. Except as
17 provided by this section, members are elected to a four-year term of office. In 1999, the
18 three candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes are elected to a four-year term,
19 and the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes are elected to two-year
20 terms. In 2001 and quadrennially thereafter, two members are elected for a four-year
21 term. In 2003 and quadrennially thereafter, three members are elected for a four-year
22 term.

23 "Sec. 3.4. **Manner of Electing Mayor; Term of Office.** The qualified voters of the
24 entire Town shall elect the Mayor. The Mayor shall be elected in 1999 and each two
25 years thereafter for a two-year term.

26 **"CHAPTER IV.**

27 **"ELECTIONS.**

28 "Sec. 4.1. **Conduct of Town Elections.** Town officers shall be elected on a
29 nonpartisan basis and results determined by a plurality as provided in G.S. 163-292.

30 **"CHAPTER V.**

31 **"ADMINISTRATION.**

32 "Sec. 5.1. **Town to Operate under Mayor-Council Plan.** The Town of Maple Hill
33 operates under the Mayor-Council plan as provided in Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter
34 160A of the General Statutes."

35 Section 2. From and after the effective date of this act, the citizens and
36 property in the Town of Maple Hill shall be subject to municipal taxes levied for the year
37 beginning July 1, 1998, and for that purpose the Town shall obtain from Pender County a
38 record of property in the area herein incorporated which was listed for taxes as of January
39 1, 1998. The Town may adopt a budget ordinance for fiscal year 1998-99 without
40 following the timetable in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, but shall
41 follow the sequence of actions in the spirit of the act insofar as is practical. For fiscal
42 year 1998-99, ad valorem taxes may be paid at par or face amount within 90 days of
43 adoption of the budget ordinance, and thereafter in accordance with the schedule in G.S.

1 105-360 as if the taxes had been due and payable on September 1, 1998. If this act is
2 ratified before July 1, 1998, the Town may adopt a budget ordinance for fiscal year 1997-
3 98 without following the timetable in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control
4 Act, but shall follow the sequence of actions in the spirit of the act insofar as is practical,
5 but no ad valorem taxes may be levied for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

6 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.