

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 42  
SENATE BILL 163

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WILSON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section One of Chapter 136, Session Laws of 1969, constituting the revised and consolidated Charter of the City of Wilson is hereby amended by adding thereto a new Article XVII as follows:

"Article XVII. Eminent Domain.

"Section 17.7 Powers and Procedures. The City of Wilson shall have the power of eminent domain and may acquire, either by purchase, gift, or condemnation, any land, right of access, right-of-way, water right, privilege, easement, or any other interest in or relating to land, water, or improvements, either within or without the City limits, for any lawful use or purpose. In the exercise of the power of eminent domain, the City is hereby vested with all power and authority now or hereafter granted by the laws of North Carolina applicable to the City of Wilson, and the City shall follow the procedure now or hereafter prescribed by said laws; provided, that in the exercise of its authority of eminent domain for the acquisition of property to be used for streets and highways, water and sewer facilities, electrical facilities, and gas facilities, the City of Wilson is hereby authorized to use the procedure and authority prescribed in Article IX of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as now or hereafter amended; provided further, that whenever therein the words 'Commission' or 'Highway Commission' or 'State Highway Commission' appear, they shall be deemed to include the 'City of Wilson', and whenever therein the words 'Director', 'Chairman', or 'Director of Highways' or 'Director of the Highway Commission', or 'Chairman of the Highway Commission' appear, they shall be deemed to include the 'City Manager'; provided further that nothing herein shall be construed to enlarge the power of the City of Wilson to condemn property already devoted to public use."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of March, 1973.