

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015**

**SESSION LAW 2016-68
SENATE BILL 848***

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CARY TO DELEGATE TO THE TOWN MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT UTILITY EASEMENTS, AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER SIMILAR INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY OVER TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO SELL, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article XI of the Charter of the Town of Cary, being S.L. 2005-117, as amended by S.L. 2015-84, is amended by adding new sections to read as follows:

"Section 11.2. Granting of utility easements and agreements. The Town Council may authorize the Town Manager or Deputy Town Manager to grant utility easements and agreements, or similar interests, in real property over Town-owned property without obtaining Town Council approval.

"Section 11.3. Conveyance of real property with restrictions. When the Town Council determines that a sale or disposition of real property is in the public interest, the Town may, in addition to other authorized means, sell, exchange, or transfer the fee or any lesser interest in real property, either by public sale or by negotiated private sale. The Town may attach to the transfer and to the interest conveyed any covenants, conditions, or restrictions, or a combination of them, the Town deems necessary to further the public interest. The consideration received by the Town, if any, for the conveyance may reflect the restricted use of the property resulting from the covenants, conditions, or restrictions. The Town may invite bids or written proposals, including detailed development plans and site plans, for the purchase of any such property or property interest, whether by sale, exchange, or other transfer, pursuant to the specifications as may be approved by the Town. A sale, exchange, or other transfer of real property, or interest therein, pursuant to this section may be made contingent upon any necessary rezoning of the property. Any conveyance under this section may be made only pursuant to a resolution of the Town Council authorizing the conveyance. Notice of the proposed transaction shall be given at least 10 days prior to adoption of the resolution by publication, and the notice shall generally describe (i) the property involved, (ii) the nature of the interest to be conveyed, and (iii) all of the material terms of the proposed transaction, including any covenants, conditions, or restrictions which may be applicable. The notice shall give the time and place of the Town Council meeting where the proposed transaction will be considered and shall announce the Council's intention to authorize the proposed transaction. The authority contained in this section is in addition to, and not in limitation of, any other authority granted by this Charter or any other general or local law."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of July, 2016.

s/ Tom Apodaca
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

