

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 644**

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Short Title: High Point Council Disclosure.

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April 2, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF PROPERTY INTERESTS AND  
ASSETS BY HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Every member of the city council shall, within 30 days after the effective date of this act or within 30 days after assuming office, whichever comes later, disclose any legal, equitable or beneficial interest the member or the member's spouse may have in any real property which is in the zoning jurisdiction of the city.

This disclosure shall be filed in writing with the clerk of superior court of the county where the majority of the population of the city is located and shall include all real property which any council member holds title to, individually or jointly, any real property held in trust, as well as any pecuniary interest he may have in any business, firm, or corporation of whatever nature, which holds title to or has any ownership interest in any real property within the zoning jurisdiction of the city.

Section 2. Every member of the city council shall disclose any legal, equitable or beneficial ownership interest he may have in any business, firm, or corporation, of whatever nature, which is doing business with the city pursuant to contracts which have been awarded by the city.

1           Section 3. Every member of the city council shall disclose any legal, equitable  
2 or beneficial ownership interest he may have in any business, firm, or corporation, of  
3 whatever nature, which is attempting to secure the award of a bid from the city, prior to  
4 the award of any contract.

5           Section 4. The acquisition by any member subject to this act of any legal,  
6 equitable or beneficial interest in real property within the zoning jurisdiction of the city  
7 shall be disclosed within 30 days after the acquisition of that property. Any legal,  
8 equitable or beneficial ownership interest which any member has in any business, firm, or  
9 corporation, of whatever nature, with whom the city is now doing business, shall be  
10 disclosed within 30 days after the effective date of this act or within 30 days after  
11 acquisition of the ownership interest, whichever is later.

12           Section 5. Every city council member who has an ownership interest required  
13 to be disclosed by this act shall disqualify himself from voting on any matter involving  
14 any such ownership interest which comes for official action before the city council.

15           Section 6. Any member who violates any provision of this act shall be guilty  
16 of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

17           Section 7. This act applies to the City of High Point only.

18           Section 8. This act becomes effective January 1, 1998.