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**S 1295. MATTHEWS PUBLIC-PRIVATE PROJECTS.** Filed 5/19/2010. *AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MATTHEWS TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC-PRIVATE PROJECTS OUTSIDE THE DOWNTOWN AREA.* As title indicates. Authorizes town to enter into contracts with private developers for projects and to use grant funds to finance its share of project. Specifies that town may lease or convey interests in property owned by it, including air rights over public facilities, by private negotiation or sale, and that GS Chapter 160A, Article 12 (disposal of property) does not apply to the dispositions. Project may be constructed on property acquired by developer or by town by purchase.

Contract may provide for developers to construct entire project. Project is not subject to GS Chapter 143, Article. 8 (public bidding laws) as long as town funds are no more than 50% of project's cost. Contract must include provisions that town council deems sufficient to insure that the public facilities in the project meet the town's needs and are constructed at a reasonable price. Town may contract for operation of any public facilities in project, as long as contract assures that public facilities are operated for benefit of town's citizens.

**Intro. by Rucho.**

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