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SENATE BILL 254

Short Title: Holly Springs Charter/Tree Ordinances. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Batch (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 15, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS TO ALLOW THE TOWN TO REGULATE THE REMOVAL AND PRESERVATION OF TREES AND SHRUBS AS PART OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, PROVIDING THAT TREE ORDINANCES SHALL BE ENFORCED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ALL OTHER TOWN ORDINANCES, AND MAKING A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 5.1 of the Charter of the Town of Holly Springs, being S.L. 2003-73, as amended, reads as rewritten:

"Section 5.1. **Tree Ordinances.**

(a) The Town may adopt ordinances to regulate the removal and preservation of existing trees and shrubs ~~prior to as part of development within a perimeter buffer zone of up to 50 feet along public roadways and property boundaries adjacent to developed properties and up to 25 feet along property boundaries adjacent to undeveloped properties.~~ projects.

(b) Ordinances adopted pursuant to this section shall:

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~~(4) Provide that the ordinances are limited to situations where undeveloped property is planned or zoned in accordance with adopted municipal plans and zoning regulations.~~

~~(5) Provide that a survey of individual trees is not required.~~

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~~(8) Provide that the ordinances shall be enforced as provided in G.S. 160A-175.~~

(c) Before adopting an ordinance under this section, the governing board of the municipality shall hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. Notice of the public hearing shall be given in accordance with ~~G.S. 160A-364.~~ G.S. 160D-601.

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

