

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 474

SHORT TITLE: Municipalities Tree Ordinance

SPONSOR(S): Sen. Fountain Odom

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No (X) No Estimate Available ()

FY 1997-98 FY 1998-99 FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES See Assumptions and Methodology

POSITIONS: none

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &
PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** NC Municipalities

EFFECTIVE DATE: When it becomes law

BILL SUMMARY: **S 474. MUNICIPALITIES' TREE ORDINANCES.** TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNS OF CORNELIUS, DAVIDSON, AND HUNTERSVILLE TO ADOPT ORDINANCES REGULATING REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT AND PRESERVATION OF TREES WITHIN THE TOWNS. As title indicates. Municipality's governing board must hold public hearing before adopting ordinance and announce hearing as required in GS 160A-364.¹

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Page 1, line 8 of the bill contains language that makes these provisions permissive, rather than mandatory. If however, an ordinance is adopted, a public hearing is required, and may involve additional costs. There is no time limitation as to when a municipality may adopt ordinances, so that it would be possible to budget for any anticipated increases in public hearing expenditures, either through a budgeted increase or a reductions in other expenditure line items.

¹ Institute of Government, **Daily Bulletin**, 1977 Edition

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: none
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