

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 236

Short Title: Amend Orange/Chatham County Boundary Line. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko, Reives, and Meyer (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and  
Operations of the House

March 9, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ANNEX TO ORANGE COUNTY CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY  
LOCATED IN CHATHAM COUNTY.

Whereas, Mount Carmel Baptist Church (hereinafter "Church") is primarily located  
in Orange County, but approximately 4 acres of the Church's property is located in Chatham  
County; and

Whereas, the Church is preparing to implement a master plan that will likely involve  
multiple construction projects that will require approval from both Orange and Chatham County  
governments; and

Whereas, the Church believes it can complete the construction programs more  
efficiently if it is required to seek approval only from Orange County, where the majority of its  
property is located; and

Whereas, the board of commissioners of Orange County and Chatham County  
adopted resolutions on February 2, 2021, and February 15, 2021, respectively, expressing their  
support for the annexation of the Church's property by Orange County; and

Whereas, the establishment of a county boundary line is, pursuant to Section 1 of  
Article VII of the North Carolina Constitution, the responsibility of the General Assembly; Now,  
therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The boundary line between Chatham County and Orange County is  
hereby changed and relocated so as to divest Chatham County of the territory described below,  
which territory shall vest in and become part of Orange County:

Lying and being in Williams Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, and described  
more fully as follows to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe set, a new corner for Chatham – Orange County, in the  
western property line of Carolina Meadows, Inc., (Deed Book 477, Page 8 Chatham County  
Registry) bearing NAD 83 (2011) N.C. Grid Coordinate values of North 768,963.87 U.S. survey  
feet, East 1,992,521.14 U.S. survey feet; thence with Carolina Meadows, Inc., South 01° 52' 01"  
East, 532.37 feet to an existing concrete monument with a broken top, a new corner for Chatham  
– Orange County, also being a corner of Carolina Meadows, Inc., (Deed Book 706, Page 237  
Chatham County Registry); thence with Carolina Meadows, Inc., South 88° 08' 00" West, 384.37  
feet to a disturbed existing iron pipe (reset), a new corner for Chatham – Orange County, on or  
near the eastern maintenance right of way line of Mt. Carmel Church Road (NCSR 1008); thence  
North 01° 51' 57" West, 524.41 feet to an iron pipe set, a new corner for Chatham – Orange



1 County, on or near the eastern maintenance right of way line of Mt. Carmel Church Road (NCSR  
2 1008); thence with the former county line North 87° 40' 20" East, 0.80 feet to former county line  
3 monument # 3 as shown on Plat Slide 2004-425, Chatham County Registry (PID AB2055);  
4 thence continuing with the former county line North 86° 56' 43" East, 383.65 feet to the  
5 BEGINNING, containing 4.6623 acres more or less (203,091 square feet more or less) as shown  
6 on a map prepared by Smith & Smith, Surveyors, P.A. entitled "Final Plat of a Partial Resurvey  
7 of the Chatham – Orange County Line," dated September 16, 2020.

8 The above-described parcel is a portion of that certain parcel described in Deed Book 469,  
9 Page 451, Chatham County Registry.

10 **SECTION 2.(a)** On and after the date this act becomes law, all papers, documents,  
11 and instruments required or permitted to be filed or registered involving property in the area  
12 described in Section 1 of this act, which previously would have been recorded in Chatham  
13 County, shall be recorded in Orange County.

14 **SECTION 2.(b)** All public records related to property in the area described in  
15 Section 1 of this act, which were filed or recorded prior to the date this act becomes law in  
16 Chatham County, shall remain in Chatham County where filed or recorded, and such records  
17 shall be valid public records as to the property involved even though they are recorded in  
18 Chatham County, a county where the property is no longer located.

19 **SECTION 2.(c)** Any unpaid taxes or tax liens for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
20 2021, or for prior fiscal years on property subject to taxation in the area described in Section 1  
21 of this act shall continue to be valid and enforceable by Chatham County, including the  
22 foreclosure remedies and the remedies of attachment and garnishment provided for by law.

23 **SECTION 2.(d)** On and after July 1, 2021, all real and personal property in the area  
24 described in Section 1 of this act which was subject to ad valorem taxation in that area on January  
25 1, 2021, shall be subject to ad valorem taxes in Orange County for the fiscal year beginning July  
26 1, 2021, to the same extent as it would have been had it been located in Orange County on January  
27 1, 2021. On July 1, 2021, the Chatham County Tax Administrator shall transfer to the Orange  
28 County Tax Assessor the ad valorem tax listings and valuations for all real and personal property  
29 subject to ad valorem taxation in the area described in Section 1 of this act. Beginning January  
30 1, 2022, all property in the area described in Section 1 of this act which is subject to ad valorem  
31 taxation shall be listed, assessed, and taxed by Orange County in the same manner as is prescribed  
32 by law for all other property located in Orange County.

33 **SECTION 3.** No cause of action, including criminal actions, involving persons or  
34 property in the area described in Section 1 of this act which is pending on the date this act  
35 becomes law shall be abated by virtue of this act, and such actions shall continue in the same  
36 county unless changed under some other provision of law.

37 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective June 30, 2021.