



CHAPTER 159

ARTICLE 3 - THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT

N.C.G.S. § 159-17.

Ordinance procedures not applicable to budget or project ordinance adoption.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	c. 655, s. 2 — fourth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 02:05 UTC	1039247e2b6121c1e80e7e1e - 61ccad3f839139388e7c00c5 - a16748849aed171a

Notwithstanding the provisions of any city charter, general law, or local act:

Any action with respect to the adoption or amendment of the budget ordinance or any project ordinance may be taken at any regular or special meeting of the governing board by a simple majority of those present and voting, a quorum being present;

No action taken with respect to the adoption or amendment of the budget ordinance or any project ordinance need be published or is subject to any other procedural requirement governing the adoption of ordinances or resolutions by the governing board other than the procedures set out in this Article;

The adoption and amendment of the budget ordinance or any project ordinance and the levy of taxes in the budget ordinance are not subject to the provisions of any city charter or local act concerning initiative or referendum.

During the period beginning with the submission of the budget to the governing board and ending with the adoption of the budget ordinance, the governing board may hold any special meetings that may be necessary to complete its work on the budget ordinance. Except for the notice requirements of G.S. 143-318.12, which continue to apply, no provision of law concerning the call of special meetings applies during that period so long as (i) each member of the board has actual notice of each special meeting called for the purpose of considering the budget, and (ii) no business other than consideration of the budget is taken up. This section does not allow the holding of closed meetings or executive sessions by any governing board otherwise prohibited by law from holding such a meeting or session, and may not be construed to do so.

No general law, city charter, or local act enacted or taking effect after July 1, 1973, may be construed to modify, amend, or repeal any portion of this section unless it expressly so provides by specific reference to this section.

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APPARATUS I
4 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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1971		1975		1979
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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER	
01	1971	c. 780, s. 1	ENACTED	
02	1973	c. 474, s. 13	AMENDED	
03	1979	c. 402, ss. 4, 5	AMENDED	
04	1979	c. 655, s. 2	AMENDED	

APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 143-318.12		"Except for the notice requirements of"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 159-17 (1979).

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HISTORY PARENTHETICAL, AS PRINTED BY THE STATE

(1971, c. 780, s. 1; 1973, c. 474, s. 13; 1979, c. 402, ss. 4, 5; c. 655, s. 2.)

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