



CHAPTER 160A
ARTICLE 23 - MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICTS

N.C.G.S. § 160A-539.

Consolidation of service districts.

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§ 160A-539(a) The city council may by ordinance consolidate two or more service districts upon finding that:

- (1) The districts are contiguous or are in a continuous boundary; and
- (2) The services provided in each of the districts are substantially the same; or
- (3) If the services provided are lower for one of the districts, there is a need to increase those services for that district to the level of that enjoyed by the other districts.

§ 160A-539(b) Report. - Before the public hearing required by subsection (c), the city council shall cause to be prepared a report containing:

- (1) A map of the districts to be consolidated;
- (2) A statement showing the proposed consolidation meets the standards of subsection (a); and
- (3) If necessary, a plan for increasing the services for one or more of the districts so that they are substantially the same throughout the consolidated district.

The report shall be available in the office of the city clerk for at least two weeks before the public hearing.

§ 160A-539(c) Hearing and Notice. - The city council shall hold a public hearing before adopting any ordinance consolidating service districts. Notice of the hearing shall state the date, hour, and place of the hearing and its subject, and shall include a statement that the

report required by subsection (b) is available for inspection in the office of the city clerk. The notice shall be published at least once not less than one week before the date of the hearing. In addition, the notice shall be mailed at least four weeks before the hearing to the owners as shown by the county tax records as of the preceding January 1 of all property located within the consolidated district. The notice may be mailed by any class of U.S. mail which is fully prepaid. The person designated by the council to mail the notice shall certify to the council that the mailing has been completed, and his certificate shall be conclusive in the absence of fraud.

§ 160A-539(d) Effective Date. - The consolidation of service districts shall take effect at the beginning of a fiscal year commencing after passage of the ordinance of consolidation, as determined by the council.

§ 160A-539(e) Passage of Ordinance. - No ordinance consolidating two or more service districts as provided for in subsection (a) of this section shall be finally adopted until it has been passed at two meetings of the city council by majority vote of the voting members present, and no service districts shall be consolidated except by ordinance.

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