



CHAPTER 162A
ARTICLE 10 - DISSOLUTION AND MERGER OF UNITS

N.C.G.S. § 162A-860.

Merger of units.

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§ 162A-860(a) Any unit may merge with any other unit, any county, any city, any consolidated city-county, any sanitary district created pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes, any joint agency created pursuant to Part 1 or Part 5 of Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or any joint agency that was created by agreement between two cities and towns to operate an airport pursuant to G.S. 63-56 and that provided drinking water and wastewater services off the airport premises before January 1, 1995, if the merger is a condition of receiving a grant from the Viable Utility Reserve as provided in Article 2 of Chapter 159G of the General Statutes. The Environmental Management Commission shall adopt a resolution transferring the assets, liabilities, and other obligations to the entity with which the unit is being merged and dissolving the unit as provided for in this Article.

§ 162A-860(b) Any unit may merge with any other unit, any county, any city, any consolidated city-county, any sanitary district created pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes, any joint agency created pursuant to Part 1 or Part 5 of Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or any joint agency that was created by agreement between two cities and towns to operate an airport pursuant to G.S. 63-56 and that provided drinking water and wastewater services off the airport premises before January 1, 1995, on approval by the Environmental Management Commission, upon consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Local Government Commission. The Environmental Management Commission may adopt a resolution transferring the assets, liabilities, and other obligations to the entity with which the unit is being merged and dissolving the unit as provided for in

this Article, if the Environmental Management Commission deems the merger in the best interest of the people of the State.

§ 162A-860(c) The Environmental Management Commission shall adopt a resolution dissolving a unit and transferring the assets, liabilities, and other obligations of the unit to another unit when the procedures set forth in G.S. 162A-855 have been completed and all of the following apply:

- (1) Both units are created pursuant to Article 5 of this Chapter.
- (2) Both units are located in the same county.
- (3) The jurisdiction of the units is contiguous.
- (4) The unit to be merged and dissolved does not directly provide sewerage services to any customers.
- (5) The unit to be merged and dissolved leases its assets to the unit with which it is proposed to be merged.
- (6) The unit to be merged and dissolved has no outstanding debts. (2020-79, s. 2.)

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2 AUTHORITIES

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. 63-56	(a)	<i>"to operate an airport pursuant to"</i>
G.S. 162A-855	(c)	<i>"when the procedures set forth in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

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