



CHAPTER 44A
ARTICLE 2 - STATUTORY LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY

N.C.G.S. § 44A-12.1.

No docketing of lien unless authorized by statute.

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§ 44A-12.1(a) The clerk of superior court shall not index, docket, or record a claim of lien on real property or other document purporting to claim or assert a lien on real property in such a way as to affect the title to any real property unless the document:

- (1) Is offered for filing under this Article or another statute that provides for indexing and docketing of claims of lien on real property; and
- (2) Appears on its face to contain all of the information required by the statute under which it is offered for filing.

§ 44A-12.1(b) The clerk may accept, for filing only, any document that does not meet the criteria established for indexing, docketing, or recording under subsection (a) of this section. If the clerk does accept this document, the clerk shall inform the person offering the document that it will not be indexed, docketed, or recorded in any way as to affect the title to any real property.

§ 44A-12.1(c) Any person who causes or attempts to cause a claim of lien on real property or other document to be filed, knowing that the filing is not authorized by statute, or with the intent that the filing is made for an improper purpose such as to hinder, harass, or otherwise wrongfully interfere with any person, shall be guilty of a Class I felony.

§ 44A-12.1(d) A claim of lien on real property, a claim of lien on real property with a notice of claim of lien upon funds attached thereto, or other document purporting to claim or assert a lien on real property that is filed by an attorney licensed in the State of North Carolina

and that otherwise complies with subsection (a) of this section shall not be rejected by the clerk of superior court for indexing, docketing, recording, or filing. (2001-495, s. 1; 2005-229, s. 1; 2012-150, s. 6.1.)

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