

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 330**

Short Title: Winston-Salem Code Process.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives Womble, Esposito, Gray, Sexton, Oldham, and Decker.

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Referred to: Local and Regional Government II.

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March 1, 1995

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF RENTAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY TO AUTHORIZE AN AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Winston-Salem may, by ordinance, require that each owner of rental property within the city authorize a person residing in Forsyth County to serve as the owner's agent for the purpose of accepting service of process in an action involving a violation of an ordinance adopted under Parts 5 or 6 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes. The owner shall provide, on a form supplied by the Housing Services Department, the authorized agent's name, address, and phone number, and shall notify the Housing Services Department of any changes in the information provided not less than 10 days after such changes occur. Nothing in this section shall require an owner to designate an agent to accept service of process where the owner of the rental property resides within the city.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.