

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

**HOUSE BILL 196
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITIES OF OXFORD AND MOREHEAD CITY
AND THE TOWNS OF ATLANTIC BEACH AND NEWPORT TO GIVE
ANNUAL NOTICE TO VIOLATORS OF THE MUNICIPALITIES WEEDED
LOT ORDINANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. A municipality may notify a violator of the municipality's weeded lot ordinance that if the violator's property is found to be in violation of the ordinance again in the calendar year in which notice is given, the municipality shall, without further notice, take action to remedy the violation and the expense of that action shall be charged to the violator. The notice may also provide that for each additional violation the municipality shall charge the violator the expense of the action and a surcharge of up to fifty percent (50%) over the expense to remedy the preceding violation. Notice of violation shall be served by registered or certified mail.

SECTION 2. This act applies to the Cities of Oxford and Morehead City and the Towns of Atlantic Beach and Newport only.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 12th day of July, 2005.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives