

the Town of Black Mountain elects not to continue as a separate municipality, in the Town of Black Mountain shall continue to be operated pursuant to G.S. Chapter 18B and the local acts applicable to each system. If the Town of Black Mountain elects to continue as a separate municipality, nothing in this charter affects the powers and duties of the Black Mountain Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Sec. 6-11. *Territorial jurisdiction.* The territorial jurisdiction of local alcoholic beverage control systems in the consolidated government, unless changed pursuant to law, is the territory of the Asheville urban service district and, if the Town of Black Mountain elects not to continue as a separate municipality, the territory of the Black Mountain urban service district.

Sec. 6-12. *Appointments.* The local alcoholic beverage control systems in the Asheville urban service district and, if Black Mountain elects not to continue as a separate municipality, the Black Mountain urban service district shall continue to be operated by separate boards of alcoholic beverage control, unless the Board of Commissioners provides for merger of the boards pursuant to G.S. 18B-703. The Board of Commissioners appoints the members of the local boards of alcoholic beverage control, who must be residents of the urban service district served by the system.

Sec. 6-13 through 6-15. *Reserved.*

Article 3. Asheville City Board of Education

Sec. 6-16. *City Board of Education not affected.* Nothing in this charter affects the powers and duties of the Asheville City Board of Education.

Sec. 6-17. *Appointment.* The Board of Commissioners appoints the members of the Asheville City Board of Education. To be appointed and to serve as a member of the Asheville City Board of Education, a person must reside within the boundaries of the Asheville city school administrative unit.

Sec. 6-18 through 6-19. *Reserved.*

Article 4. Buncombe County Board of Education

Sec. 6-20. *County Board of Education not affected.* Nothing in this charter affects the powers or duties of the Buncombe County Board of Education.

CHAPTER 7. FINANCE

Article 1. Revenue and Taxing Limitations

Sec. 7-1. *General authority to levy taxes and impose charges.* The consolidated government may levy and impose any fee or charge authorized by this charter or by the general laws of the state for cities or counties, subject to any limitations imposed by this charter or G.S. Ch. 160B, The Consolidated City-County Act of 1973, as amended.

Sec. 7-2. *Property tax administration.* Property in Buncombe county shall be listed, appraised, and assessed and taxes on property shall be levied and collected as provided by general law for counties, except as otherwise provided in this charter and G.S. Ch. 160B.

Sec. 7-3 through sec. 7-6. *Reserved.*

Article 2. Financing Services of the Buncombe Service District and of Urban Service Districts

Sec. 7-7. *Districts established.* The Buncombe service district extends throughout Buncombe County. The Board of Commissioners may define urban service districts under procedures of general law. It is the intent of this charter that the Board of Commissioners will define as urban service districts the total area immediately before the effective date of this charter of the City of Asheville and the total area immediately before the effective date of

this charter of any of the towns of Biltmore Forest, Black Mountain, Montreat, Weaverville, or Woodfin whose citizens elect not to continue their town as a separate municipality.

Sec. 7-8. *Allocation of costs.* All services, facilities and functions provided or maintained by the consolidated government shall be provided or maintained throughout the Buncombe service district, except for:

(1) Any service, facility or function provided or maintained only for one or more urban service districts, and

(2) Any service, facility or function provided or maintained to a greater extent for one or more urban service districts than for the entire county.

If any service, facility or function is provided or maintained only for one or more urban service districts, the costs of providing or maintaining the service, facility or function for each urban service district shall be allocated to that district. If a service, facility or function is provided or maintained for an urban service district to a greater extent than for the Buncombe service district, the costs of providing or maintaining it at a higher level for the district shall be allocated to that district.

The costs of providing or maintaining for an urban service district a service, facility or function in addition to, or to a greater extent than, those provided throughout the Buncombe service district include operating, maintenance and repair expenses, capital improvement costs, and the appropriate share of debt service on bonds or notes issued to finance capital improvements associated with the service, facility or function.

The Board of Commissioners shall determine an equitable basis for allocating the costs of administrative services of the consolidated government among services, facilities and functions.

Sec. 7-9 through 7-12. *Reserved.*

Article 3. Allocation of Revenues

Sec. 7-13. *Revenues allocated to the Buncombe service district.* The following revenues shall be allocated to the Buncombe service district:

(a) Beer and wine crown tax receipts. The entire portion of the beer and wine crown tax returned to the consolidated government pursuant to G.S. 105-113.86.

(b) Excise stamp tax. Proceeds of the excise stamp tax on conveyances levied by G.S. Ch. 105, Article 8E.

(c) Privilege license tax. Proceeds of any privilege license tax levied countywide.

(d) Animal tax. Proceeds of any animal tax levied pursuant to G.S. 153A-153.

(e) Cable television franchise tax. Proceeds of any cable television franchise tax levied pursuant to G.S. 153A-137.

Sec. 7-14. *Revenues allocated to urban service districts.* (a) State street aid. State street aid funds, appropriated from the State Highway Fund

pursuant to G.S. 136-41.1 to 136-41.3, shall be allocated to each urban service district on the same basis as if each district were a city or town.

(b) Motor vehicle license taxes. Proceeds of motor vehicle and taxicab license taxes, levied pursuant to G.S. 160B-11, shall be allocated to the urban service district from which collected.

(c) Franchise tax receipts. The share of the state franchise tax on public service companies levied by G.S. Ch. 105, Article 3, that is due the consolidated government by reason of the sale of public service company commodities and services within an urban service district shall be allocated to the urban service district from which it was collected.

(d) Privilege license tax. The proceeds of any privilege license tax levied only in one or more urban service districts shall be allocated to the urban service district from which collected.

(e) Traffic penalties. Civil penalties collected and retained by the consolidated government for violations of traffic ordinances pertaining to a single urban service district shall be allocated to the urban service district in which the violation occurred.

Sec. 7-15. *Distribution of sales and use tax proceeds.* Sales tax receipts distributed to Buncombe County pursuant to G.S. Ch. 105, Article 39 shall be divided among the Buncombe service district and any urban service districts as if the Buncombe service district were a county and each urban service district were a city.

Sec. 7-16. *Distribution of intangibles tax proceeds.* The intangibles tax proceeds distributed to Buncombe County under G.S. 105-213 shall be

divided among the Buncombe service district and any urban service districts as if the Buncombe service district were a county and each urban service district were a city.

Sec. 7-17. *General revenue sharing.* The entire portion of all funds made available to the consolidated government under the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act shall be allocated among the Buncombe service district and each urban service district as if the Buncombe service district were a county and each urban service district were a city.

Sec. 7-18. *ABC profits.* The profits distributed from ABC stores in an urban service district shall be allocated 75 per cent to the urban service district and 25 per cent to the Buncombe service district.

Sec. 7-19. *Arrest fees.* The arrest fee provided for in G.S. 7A-304(a)(1) shall be allocated between the Buncombe service district and each urban service district in proportion to law enforcement expenditures in each district in the previous fiscal year.

Sec. 7-20. *Fees and charges.* All fees and charges imposed by the consolidated government for a particular service, facility, or function shall be allocated to the service district in which the service, facility, or function is provided or maintained. If a particular service, facility or function is provided or maintained for the Buncombe service district and to a greater extent for one or more urban service districts, the Board of Commissioners shall determine the proportionate allocation of the fee or charge.

CHAPTER 8. CONTINUING MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS

Article 1. Relationship to Consolidated Government

Sec. 8-1. *Included within Buncombe service district.* The citizens of any of the towns of Biltmore Forest, Black Mountain, Montreat, Weaverville, and Woodfin that continue as separate municipalities are citizens of the consolidated government as well and are entitled to services, facilities and functions that are provided or maintained by the consolidated government for citizens of the Buncombe service district.

Sec. 8-2. *Limitation on powers.* (a) Except as expressly provided, this charter does not abridge the authority of any of the towns of Biltmore Forest, Black Mountain, Montreat, Weaverville, and Woodfin that continues as a separate municipality to enjoy and be subject to all the powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities that incorporated municipalities enjoy and are subject to at or after the effective date of the consolidated government under the Constitution and general laws of the State of North Carolina and to all the powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities that the town at or after the effective date of the consolidated government enjoys and is subject to under its charter.

(b) No town that continues as a separate municipality may annex territory included within an urban service district of the consolidated government unless the Board of Commissioners by resolution agrees.

Sec. 8-3 through 8-5. *Reserved.*

Article 2. Consolidating a Town with the Consolidated Government

Sec. 8-6. *Authority.* At any time after the effective date of the consolidated government, any of the towns of Biltmore Forest, Black Mountain, Montreat, Weaverville, and Woodfin that continues as a separate municipality may be abolished and its powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities consolidated with those of, and exercised by, the consolidated government.

Sec. 8-7. *Procedure.* Any of the towns may consolidate with the consolidated government if, at a town referendum held on the question of whether the town should consolidate, a majority of those voting vote for consolidation. The town's governing board shall cause a referendum to be held within 120 days after (1) the board has passed an ordinance provisionally consolidating the town with the consolidated government, or (2) the board has been presented with a petition for consolidation signed by at least 10 per cent of the registered voters of the town. The town's governing board shall notify the Board of Commissioners in writing of the results of the referendum.

Sec. 8-8. *Effective date.* The effective date of consolidation shall be the July 1 next following the referendum.

Sec. 8-9. *Cooperation and transition.* The officers and employees of the consolidated government and the town shall cooperate with each other in bringing about an orderly consolidation. On the effective date of consolidation, the terms of office of all elected officials of the town automatically terminate and the offices are abolished.

Sec. 8-10. *Continuation, transfer of assets and liabilities.* Upon consolidation, the provisions of sections 10-1 through 10-6 of this charter shall apply as appropriate to the consolidating town as though it were consolidating at the effective date of the consolidated government.

CHAPTER 9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 1. Elections

Sec. 9-1. *Elections follow general county law.* Except as otherwise provided in this charter, G.S. Chapter 163 governs the election of the chief executive and members of the Board of Commissioners. The chief executive and the commissioners are elected in the manner provided in G.S. Chapter 163 for county commissioners.

Sec. 9-2. through 9-4. *Reserved.*

Article 2. Continuing Officers

Sec. 9-5. *Sheriff.* The office and duties of sheriff of Buncombe County continue within the consolidated government as provided in the Constitution and laws of North Carolina.

Sec. 9-6. *Register of deeds.* The office and duties of register of deeds of Buncombe County continue within the consolidated government as provided in the laws of North Carolina.

Sec. 9-7. through 9-9. *Reserved.*

Article 3. Formation of Other Political Subdivisions

Sec. 9-10. *Procedure; Board of Commissioners' consent.* The Board of Commissioners' consent must be obtained before any political subdivision, whether a municipal corporation, special district or other similar tax-levying or revenue-raising governmental agency, board, commission, authority or entity, may be established to operate within the jurisdiction of the consolidated government. Any person petitioning a state, county, or municipal governmental body for the creation of a political subdivision within the jurisdiction of the consolidated government shall file with the Board a certified copy of the petition at the same time he files the petition with the other governmental body. If the Board fails to adopt a resolution either withholding or giving consent to the petition by its second regular meeting following receipt of the petition, it is deemed to have consented. If the Board withholds consent, the petition and other action taken on it by any other governmental body is of no effect, and no similar petition may be submitted until 180 days after the day the resolution withholding consent was adopted. If the Board consents, the petition shall be acted on according to the procedure established by law for the creation of the proposed political subdivision.

Sec. 9-11. through 9-12. *Reserved.*

Article 4. Changes in Form and Structure of Government

Sec. 9-13. *Authority to modify the form and structure of government.*

The Board of Commissioners and voters may amend this charter to modify the structure of the Board with respect to matters specified in G.S. 153A-58(1), (2), and (3).

Sec. 9-14. *Method.* Modification of the structure of the Board of

Commissioners may be made pursuant to the procedures set forth in G.S. Chapter 153A, Article 4, Part 4.

CHAPTER 10. CONTINUATION AND TRANSITION

Article 1. Continuation

Sec. 10-1. *Continuation of ordinances and regulations.* All ordinances and resolutions of Buncombe County, the City of Asheville and any of the towns of Biltmore Forest, Black Mountain, Montreat, Weaverville, and Woodfin that elect not to continue as separate municipalities that are in force immediately before the effective date of the consolidated government and that are not inconsistent with this charter continue in full force and effect within the area in which they applied. They become ordinances and resolutions of the consolidated government and shall continue in force until repealed or amended by the Board of Commissioners. All orders, rules and regulations made by any officer, agency, board, commission or authority of Buncombe County, the City of Asheville or any of the towns that elect not to continue as separate municipalities that are in force immediately before the effective date of the consolidated government and that are not inconsistent with this charter also continue in force within the area in which they applied until repealed or amended by the appropriate officer, agency, board, commission or authority of the consolidated government.

Sec. 10-2. *Continuation of hearings and proceedings.* All petitions, hearings and other proceedings pending before any officer, office, department, agency, board, commission or authority of Buncombe County, the City of Asheville or any of the towns that elect not to continue as separate municipalities continue and remain in full force and effect, even if the officer,

office, department, agency, board, commission or authority has been abolished or consolidated by this charter. The petition, hearing, or proceeding shall be completed by the officer, office, department, agency, board, commission or authority of the consolidated government that succeeds to the powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities of the abolished or consolidated agency.

Sec. 10-3. *Transfer of assets and liabilities.* On the effective date of the consolidated government: (a) All property, real and personal and mixed, belonging to Buncombe County, the City of Asheville and any of the towns of Biltmore Forest, Black Mountain, Montreat, Weaverville, and Woodfin that elect not to continue as separate municipalities vests in, belongs to and is the property of the consolidated government.

(b) All judgments, liens, rights of liens and causes of action of any nature in favor of any of the governments listed in subsection (a) vest in and remain and inure to the benefit of the consolidated government.

(c) All rentals, taxes, assessments and any other funds, charges or fees owing to any of the governments listed in subsection (a) are owed to and may be collected by the consolidated government.

(d) Any action, suit, or proceeding pending against, or having been instituted by, any of the governments listed in subsection (a) shall not be abated by this charter or by consolidation, but shall be continued and completed in the same manner as if consolidation had not occurred. The consolidated government shall be a party to all these actions, suits and proceedings in the place and stead of the merging government and shall pay or cause to be paid any judgment rendered against that government in any of these

actions, suits or proceedings. No new process need be served in any of the actions, suits or proceedings.

(e) All obligations, contracts, and agreements, including the city-county water agreement, of the governments listed in subsection (a), except outstanding general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes of the City of Asheville and of any of the towns that elect not to continue as separate municipalities, are assumed by the consolidated government, and all these obligations, contracts, and agreements so assumed are constituted obligations, contracts, and agreements of the consolidated government. The full faith and credit of the consolidated government is deemed to be pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes assumed by the consolidated government pursuant to this section, and all the taxable property within the consolidated government shall be and remain subject to taxation for these payments. The consolidated government, in order to provide for retiring the outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the City of Asheville and of any of the towns that elect not to continue as separate municipalities, shall also levy each year within the area, as it existed immediately before the effective date of this charter, of the City of Asheville and of any such town, whatever taxes are necessary for that purpose. In addition, the consolidated government shall comply with any outstanding covenants previously entered into by the City of Asheville, by which the City pledged revenues other than taxes to the retirement of the City's general obligation indebtedness. It is the intention of this charter that all outstanding general obligation water bonds of the City of Asheville continue to be retired from water revenues.

Sec. 10-4. *Continuation of officers and employees.* On the effective date of the consolidated government, all officers and employees of the governments of Buncombe County, the City of Asheville and any of the towns that elect not to continue as separate municipalities become officers and employees of the consolidated government.

In providing for the continuation of the employment of each officer and employee of the consolidating governments, the Board of Commissioners shall, to the extent that it is feasible to do so, arrange for each officer and employee to perform the same or similar duties and responsibilities in his employment with the consolidated government that he performed prior to consolidation.

No former officer or employee of the governments of Buncombe County, the City of Asheville, or any of the consolidated towns has promotion rights, benefits, privileges or opportunities solely by virtue of the personnel policies of that government. The promotion rights, benefits, privileges and opportunities of any employee of the consolidated government are subject to the personnel policies adopted by or approved by the Board of Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners shall resolve all questions, issues and interpretations arising under this section.

Sec. 10-5. *Continuation of offices.* All offices, departments, committees, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities, including the Asheville-Buncombe Water Authority, however denominated heretofore created pursuant to general law or special acts of the General Assembly, or by resolutions or ordinances of the City Council of Asheville, the Buncombe Board of County Commissioners, or the governing board of any town that elects not to

continue as a separate municipality or by joint resolutions of any two or more of these governing bodies are continued with the same duties, functions and responsibilities except as expressly provided by this charter or other acts of the General Assembly.

Sec. 10-6. *Members, officers and employees of boards and agencies.*

Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the members, officers and employees of all agencies, boards, commissions and authorities continue as members, officers and employees of those agencies, boards, commissions and authorities and shall continue to perform the duties and enjoy the powers, rights, privileges and immunities they possessed immediately prior to the effective date of the consolidated government. Nothing in this section impairs the authority of the consolidated government with respect to those boards, commissions, authorities and agencies or to any of their members, officers or employees.

Article 2. Transition

Sec. 10-7. *Effective date.* The Consolidated Government of Asheville and Buncombe County becomes effective December 3, 1984.

Sec. 10-8. *Effect on city and town elections and officeholders.* In the municipal elections held in 1983 in the City of Asheville and in any of the towns of Biltmore Forest, Black Mountain, Montreat, Weaverville, and Woodfin that elects not to continue as a separate municipal corporation, the candidates will run for and be elected to terms that end on the effective date

of the consolidated government. In addition, the term of office of any person serving on the governing board or as mayor of a town that elects not to continue as a separate municipal corporation and who was elected in 1981 to a four-year term is terminated on the effective date of the consolidated government.

Sec. 10-9. *Effect on 1984 county elections.* The primaries and election for membership on the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners and for Buncombe County tax collector, scheduled for May and November 1984, shall not be held. The persons elected to the board of county commissioners in the 1982 election shall serve until the effective date of the consolidated government. The person elected to the office of tax collector in the 1980 election shall serve until July 1, 1985, at which time the Board of Commissioners shall appoint a tax collector pursuant to general law.

Sec. 10-10. *Initial consolidated government election.* Pursuant to section 9-1 of this charter, the initial election for chief executive and membership on the Board of Commissioners shall be held in 1984 and conducted in the manner provided in G.S. Chapter 163 for election of county commissioners. The persons elected in the 1984 election are elected to four-year terms of office, as provided in sections 2-2 and 3-1 of this charter.

Sec. 10-11. *Initial organizational meeting.* The chief executive and members of the Board of Commissioners elected in the initial election shall meet at noon on December 3, 1984, in the Commissioners room of the Buncombe County courthouse. At that time those persons shall take the oath of office

and hold the initial organizational meeting for the purposes set forth in section 2-9 of this charter. The chief executive-elect shall arrange for the oaths to be administered.

Sec. 10-12. *Transitional budgets.* The 1984-85 budget ordinances as adopted and amended by Buncombe County, the City of Asheville, and any of the towns of Biltmore Forest, Black Mountain, Montreat, Weaverville, and Woodfin that elect not to continue as separate municipalities shall be administered in accordance with their terms by the Board of Commissioners and officers of the consolidated government. Appropriations in the 1984-85 budget ordinance of a consolidating municipality shall be expended as provided in that ordinance for the benefit of the citizens within the territory comprising that municipality immediately before the effective date of the consolidated government. The Board of Commissioners may, however, amend the 1984-85 budget ordinance of any consolidating government as adopted by that government in any manner and for any purpose for which that government could have made an amendment in the absence of consolidation.

Sec. 10-13. *Transition committee.* (a) There shall be a transition committee. It shall consist of the chairman of the Buncombe County board of commissioners and two other commissioners selected by the board; the Mayor of the City of Asheville and two members of the Asheville city council selected by the council; and the mayor or a governing board member, as determined by the governing board, of each other town in the county whose voters elect to consolidate with Buncombe County. The board of county commissioners and the

Asheville city council shall jointly set and pay the compensation and allowances, if any, to be paid to members of the committee. The committee expires January 1, 1985.

(b) The transition committee shall meet within 45 days after enactment of this charter by the General Assembly, upon the call of the chairman of the board of commissioners of Buncombe County. At its first meeting, the committee shall elect a chairman and may elect other officers, and shall adopt its rules of procedure.

(c) The transition committee shall consider, report on, and make recommendations to the governing boards of the merging governments and the chief executive and members of the Board of Commissioners of the consolidated government on all matters relating to the transition to consolidation and the form and structure of the consolidated government's administration.

(d) The board of county commissioners and the Asheville city council shall each appropriate to the transition committee adequate funds for the committee's performance of its duties.

Sec. 10-14. *Cooperation in transition.* After this charter is enacted by the General Assembly and until the effective date of the consolidated government, the officers and employees of Buncombe County, the City of Asheville, and any of the towns of Biltmore Forest, Black Mountain, Montreat, Weaverville, and Woodfin that elect not to continue as separate municipalities and all boards, commissions, authorities, and agencies thereof shall cooperate with each other in taking all appropriate steps to the end that the transition to the consolidated government is orderly and without disruption or impairment of regular governmental services and functions.

CHAPTER 11. INTENT AND SEVERABILITY

Sec. 11-1. *Intent and severability.* The people residing within the area of the consolidated government declare that by the adoption of this charter it is their intent to consolidate the governmental and corporate functions of the County of Buncombe, the City of Asheville, and any of the towns of Biltmore Forest, Black Mountain, Montreat, Weaverville, and Woodfin that elect not to continue as separate municipalities, so that the consolidating governments may be operated as one governmental entity in the interest of efficient, economical, responsive and responsible democratic government. This charter shall continue in full force and effect even if any of its severable provisions not essential to this objective is held unconstitutional or void, and each provision of this charter is severable from each other provision.

GENERAL LAW AMENDMENTS

A number of proposals of the Asheville-Buncombe Charter Commission will necessitate minor changes in the general, statewide law. The legislation necessary to make these changes is set out below:

I. G.S. 157-39.1 is amended by adding a new sentence after the first sentence, to read as follows: "In a consolidated city-county, as defined in G.S. 160B-2, if a housing authority was in existence in the largest municipality in the county immediately before establishment of the consolidated city-county, that housing authority has an area of operation that includes the entire county."

[This amendment of the housing authorities statute extends the territorial jurisdiction of the present Asheville Housing Authority to include the entire county. Currently, the authority's jurisdiction extends for ten miles outside Asheville.]

II. G.S. 159-26(b)(2) is rewritten to read as follows:

"(2) Special Revenue Funds.--One or more separate funds shall be established for each of the following: (i) functions or activities financed in whole or in part by property taxes voted by the people; (ii) service districts established pursuant to the Municipal or County Service District Acts; (iii) urban service districts established pursuant to the Consolidated City-County Act; and (iv) grant project ordinances. If more than one function is accounted for in a voted tax fund or urban service district fund, or more than one district in a service district fund, or more than one

grant project in a project fund, separate accounts shall be established in the appropriate fund for each function, district, or project."

[This amendment of the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act requires a separate fund for each urban service district.]

III. G.S. 160B-11 is amended by rewriting paragraph (3) to read as follows:

"(3) Privilege License Taxes. A consolidated city-county may levy any privilege license tax authorized for cities either throughout the county or only within urban service districts, in the discretion of the governing board of the consolidated city-county."

[This amendment permits the consolidated government to levy city privilege license taxes either countywide or only in the urban service districts.]

IV. G.S. Chapter 160B, Article 3 is amended by rewriting the catch line of the article as "Levy of Taxes" and by adding a new G.S. 160A-11.1, to read as follows:

"§160B-11.1. Countywide property taxes.--In levying property taxes throughout the county, a consolidated city-county is subject to the authorizations and limitations set out for counties generally in G.S. 153A-149."

[This amendment makes clear that consolidated governments are subject to county tax limits with respect to levy of countywide property taxes.]

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