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#### **SENATE BILL 24**

State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 3/5/01

Short Title: West Norman Incorporation. (Local) Sponsors: Referred to: February 1, 2001 1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 2 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF WEST NORMAN SUBJECT TO A 3 REFERENDUM. 4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: 5 **SECTION 1.** A Charter for the Town of West Norman is enacted to read: 6 "CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WEST NORMAN. 7 "ARTICLE I. 8 "INCORPORATION AND CORPORATE POWERS. 9 "Section 1.1. Incorporation and Corporate Powers. The inhabitants of the Town of West Norman are a body corporate and politic under the name 'Town of West 10 11 Norman'. The Town of West Norman has all the powers, duties, rights, privileges, and 12 immunities conferred and imposed on cities by the general laws of North Carolina. 13 "ARTICLE II. "CORPORATE BOUNDARIES. 14 15 "Section 2.1. Town Boundaries. Until modified in accordance with law, the boundaries of the Town of West Norman are as follows: 16 17 18 Starting at the center of the Catawba River Bridge and the north right-of-way of Highway 73 and the east boundary of Lincoln County, west along the north 19 20 right-of-way of Highway 73 to the intersection of South Pilot Knob Road; southwest along the northwest right-of-way of South Pilot Knob Road to the intersection of the 21 Boundary of Waterside Crossing property; south along the boundary line of Waterside 22 23 Crossing property south of South Pilot Knob Road to the southwest corner of Waterside 24 Crossing property and the northwest right-of-way of South Pilot Knob Road; southwest 25 along the northwest right-of-way of South Pilot Knob Road to the intersection of South Little Egypt Road; thence northwest along the northeast right-of-way of South Little 26 Egypt Road crossing Highway 16 to the southeast intersection of Oxford Hunt property 27 and South Little Egypt Road; southwest along the boundary of Oxford Hunt property to 28

29 include all Oxford Hunt property southwest of South Little Egypt Road and back to the

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intersection of the west side of Oxford Hunt property and the northeast right-of-way of 1 2 South Little Egypt Road, then northwest along the northeast right-of-way of South Little 3 Egypt Road to the intersection of the north right-of-way of Highway 73 thence west 4 along the north right-of-way of Highway 73 to the intersection of Schronce Road and 5 Highway 73; thence, northeast along the southeast right-of-way of Schronce Road to 6 Ingleside Farm Road to the intersection of Schronce Road and the northeast right of way 7 on North Ingleside Farm Road. Thence northwest along the northeast right-of-way of 8 North Ingleside Farm Road to the intersection of the Michael R. Newsom property line. 9 Thence along the north side of this property line to Snyder Creek, north along Snyder 10 Creek to the point where the Edward H. Knox property joins Snyder Creek. Northwest, 11 then northeast along the Edward H. Knox property line to Kidville Road and the 12 intersection of Kidville Road and the Kidville Road-N.C. 16 Bypass LLC property line. 13 Then northwest, northeast and southeast along the Kidville Road-N.C. 16 Bypass LLC 14 property line to the St. James United Methodist Church property line. Then along this 15 line to southeast right-of-way of St. James Church Road. North along east right-of-way 16 of St. James Church Road to the intersection with the Catawba Springs Hunters Club 17 property. Then east, south, northeast and south along the Catawba Springs Hunters Club 18 property to the intersection with the CSX Railroad. Then north along the CSX Railroad 19 right-of-way to the S.A. Howard Jr. property, east along this property line and across 20 Highway 16 east right-of-way. North along the Highway 16 east property line to the 21 south right-of-way of Webbs Road right-of-way; thence along the south right-of-way of 22 Webbs Road to the intersection of Burton Lane and Webbs Road; then north along the 23 east right-of-way of Burton Lane to the intersection of Burton Lane and the northwest 24 corner of Crescent Resources property; thence east along the north boundary of 25 Crescent Resources property to the east boundary of Lincoln County in Lake Norman; 26 thence south along the east boundary of Lincoln County in Lake Norman to include the 27 Cowans Ford Hydroelectric Plant and south to the starting point at the east boundary of 28 Lincoln County and the north right-of-way of Highway 73 on the Catawba River 29 Bridge. 30 "ARTICLE III. 31 "GOVERNING BODY. 32 "Section 3.1. Structure of Governing Body; Number of Members. The governing 33 body of the Town of West Norman is the Town Council, which shall have five members 34 and the Mayor. 35 "Section 3.2. Temporary Officers. Until the initial elections of 2003 provided for 36 by Section 4.1 of this Charter, Larry Olmsted is hereby appointed Mayor, and Jack G. 37 McCachern, Thomas McGuire, Gregory H. Coffey, Leonard McPherson, and Celeste I. 38 Renaldo are appointed members of the Town Council. They shall possess and exercise 39 the powers granted to the governing body until their successors are elected or appointed 40 and qualified pursuant to this Charter. If any person named in this section is unable to serve, the remaining temporary officers shall, by majority vote, appoint a person to 41 42 serve until the regular municipal elections are held in 2003.

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"Section 3.3. Manner of Electing Town Council; Term of Office. The qualified 1 2 voters of the entire Town shall elect the members of the Town Council and, except as 3 provided in this section, they shall serve four-year terms. In 2003, the three candidates 4 receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be elected to four-year terms and the two 5 candidates receiving the next highest numbers of votes shall be elected to two-year 6 terms. In 2005, and quadrennially thereafter, two members shall be elected to four-year 7 terms. In 2007, and quadrennially thereafter, three members shall be elected to four-year 8 terms. 9 "Section 3.4. Manner of Electing Mayor; Term of Office. The qualified voters of the entire Town shall elect the Mayor. In 2003, and biennially thereafter, the Mayor 10 11 shall be elected for a term of two years. 12 "ARTICLE IV. 13 "ELECTIONS. "Section 4.1. Conduct of Town Elections. Elections shall be conducted on a 14 15 nonpartisan basis and results determined by a plurality as provided in G.S. 163-292. "ARTICLE V. 16 17 "ADMINISTRATION. 18 "Section 5.1. Town to Operate Under Council-Manager Plan. The Town shall 19 operate under the Council-Manager form of government as provided in Part 2 of Article 20 7 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes." 21 SECTION 2.(a) The whole or any portion of the Denver Fire Protection 22 District and the East Lincoln Fire Protection District that is located within the 23 boundaries of the Town of West Norman upon the effective date of this act shall remain 24 a fire protection district or portion of a fire protection district and the district or portion 25 shall be subject to G.S. 69-25.4 authorizing the Lincoln County Board of 26 Commissioners to levy and collect a tax in the district or portion for the purpose of 27 furnishing fire protection therein. 28 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 69-25.15 shall not apply to the Town of West Norman. 29 SECTION 2.(c) Upon the adoption of an ordinance by the governing body of 30 the Town of West Norman finding that the Town is able to establish a fire and rescue 31 department staffed either by volunteers or by full-time professional employees, or to otherwise adequately provide for fire protection and rescue services, the whole or any 32 33 portion of the Denver Fire Protection District and the East Lincoln Fire Protection 34 District that is located within the boundaries of the Town of West Norman shall 35 immediately cease to be a fire protection district or portion of a fire protection district 36 and the district or portion shall no longer be subject to G.S. 69-25.4. Any ordinance 37 adopted under this subsection shall become effective on the first day of July which is 38 more than 60 days after adoption of the ordinance. 39 **SECTION 3.** From and after the effective date of this act, the citizens and 40 property in the Town of West Norman shall be subject to municipal taxes levied for the 41 year beginning July 1, 2001. For that purpose the Town shall obtain from Lincoln

42 County a record of property in the area herein incorporated which was listed for 43 property taxes as of January 1, 2001. The Town may adopt a budget ordinance for

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1 fiscal year 2001-2002 without following the timetable in the Local Government Budget 2 and Fiscal Control Act but shall follow the sequence of actions in the spirit of the act 3 insofar as is practical. For fiscal year 2001-2002, ad valorem taxes may be paid at par 4 or face amount within 90 days of adoption of the budget ordinance and thereafter in 5 accordance with the schedule in G.S. 105-360. If the effective date of the incorporation 6 is prior to July 1, 2001, the Town may adopt a budget ordinance for fiscal year 7 2000-2001 without following the timetable in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal 8 Control Act but shall follow the sequence of actions in the spirit of the act insofar as 9 practical. No ad valorem taxes may be levied for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. 10 SECTION 4. The Lincoln County Board of Elections shall conduct an 11 election on a date set by the Board, to be not less than 60 nor later than 120 days after 12 this act becomes law, for the purpose of submission to the qualified voters for the area 13 described in Section 2.1 of the Charter of the Town of West Norman the question of 14 whether or not the area shall be incorporated as the Town of West Norman. Registration 15 for the election shall be conducted in accordance with G.S. 163-288.2. 16 **SECTION 5**. In the election, the question on the ballot shall be: 17 " [ ] FOR [] AGAINST 18 Incorporation of the Town of West Norman". 19 **SECTION 6.** In the election, if a majority of the votes are cast "For the Incorporation of the Town of West Norman", Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall 20 21 become effective on the date that the Lincoln County Board of Elections certifies the 22 results of the election. Otherwise, Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall have no force 23 and effect. 24 **SECTION 7.** This act is effective when it becomes law.