

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**HOUSE BILL 1976**

Short Title: Thomasville Historic Landmarks/Structures. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Holliman; Brown and Hughes.

Referred to: Local Government I, if favorable, Finance.

May 26, 2010

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE TO REQUIRE A PERMIT PRIOR  
3 TO DEMOLITION OF A DESIGNATED LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK OR A  
4 CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE WITHIN A LOCALLY DESIGNATED HISTORIC  
5 DISTRICT.

6 Whereas, in 1999 the City Council of the City of Thomasville established a historic  
7 preservation program, adopting an ordinance creating a Historic Preservation Commission,  
8 outlining its duties and requirements, and charging the Commission with the responsibility of  
9 carrying out a historic preservation program for the City; and

10 Whereas, between 2000 and 2007 the City Council designated six local historic  
11 landmarks and in 2002 and 2005 designated two local historic districts; and

12 Whereas, the City of Thomasville was designated by the Advisory Council on  
13 Historic Preservation as the first Preserve American City (a White House initiative) in the State  
14 of North Carolina; and

15 Whereas, the City of Thomasville was designated as a Certified Local Government  
16 on June 4, 2001, by the United States Department of the Interior; and

17 Whereas, Thomasville's six designated local historic landmarks and two locally  
18 designated historic districts contain over 150 original 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century contributing  
19 structures that enhance the historic character and integrity of the City, promote tourism, and  
20 demonstrate the important heritage of the citizens of the community; and

21 Whereas, historic preservation contributes to the economic, social, and cultural  
22 well-being of Thomasville and the State of North Carolina; and

23 Whereas, it is the goal of the City Council of the City of Thomasville to preserve  
24 and enhance one of the most valuable and unique resources of the community and to preserve  
25 the property values and promote the general welfare of its citizens; and

26 Whereas, protecting Thomasville from the loss of its historic architectural resources  
27 is of statewide importance; Now, therefore,

28 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

29 **SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 160A-400.14, a city may  
30 adopt an ordinance to the effect that no designated local historic landmark or contributing  
31 structure located within a locally designated historic district in the city may be demolished  
32 without a permit. Prior to adopting an ordinance under this act, a public hearing shall be held  
33 before the governing board of the city. Notice of the hearing shall be given in accordance with  
34 G.S. 160A-364.

35 **SECTION 1.(b)** A city may adopt, modify, and revise such ordinances as are  
36 necessary to implement this act and to further its intent.

37 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the City of Thomasville only.



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