## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1997 SESSION

## S.L. 1997-89 HOUSE BILL 288

AN ACT TO ALLOW SERVICE OF COMPLAINTS BY PUBLICATION AND SERVICE OF NOTICES AND ORDERS BY REGULAR MAIL IN HOUSING CODE CASES IN THE CITY OF GREENSBORO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 578 of the 1993 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"Section 1. Complaints or orders A complaint issued by a public officer pursuant to Parts 5 or 6 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes shall be served upon persons either personally or by registered or certified mail. mail, and, in conjunction therewith, may be served by regular mail. When the manner of service is by regular mail in conjunction with registered or certified mail, and the registered or certified mail is returned, but the regular mail is not returned by the post office within 10 days after mailing, service shall be deemed sufficient. The person mailing such complaint or order by regular mail shall certify that fact and the date thereof, and such certificate shall be deemed conclusive in the absence of fraud. A person who cannot with due diligence be served by personal delivery or registered or certified mail may be served by publication in the manner provided for service of process in G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4(j1) of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. All notices and orders subsequent to the complaint may be served in accordance with G.S. 1A-1, Rule 5(b) of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure."

Section 2. This act applies to the City of Greensboro only.

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of May, 1997.

s/ Marc Basnight President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker Speaker of the House of Representatives