

- [Sell Your Stuff](#)
- [Classifieds](#)
- [Real Estate](#)
- [Cars](#)
- [Jobs](#)
- [Mobile](#)

Free Mobile Options

- [Download iPad App](#)
- [Download iPhone App](#)
- [Download Android App](#)
- [Download BlackBerry App](#)

e-Edition

- [Download iPad e-Edition App](#)
- [Visit Mobile e-Edition Site](#)
- [RSS](#)



☒ Website ☐ Newspaper Archives

A great workplace is something to be proud of.
If you work for an awesome company, show your
appreciation and nominate them at:



NEWS & RECORD
news-record.com

CLICK HERE
for **FREE**
download



[News-Record.com - A Service of News & Record](#)

Friday, May 10, 2013

Questions? Send us an email.

- [Feedback](#)
- [Circulation](#)

- [Home](#)
- [News](#)
 - [News Home](#)

- [Contact Us](#)
- [Crime & Public Safety](#)
- [Government](#)
 - [Elections](#)
- [Schools](#)
- [Colleges](#)
- [Business](#)
- [North Carolina](#)
- [U.S./World](#)
- [Share a News Tip](#)

Top News Articles

- [Economics forcing pet owners to leave animals at shelter](#)
- [Greensboro residents ask council for tougher tree laws](#)
- [Greensboro council, police probe charges of misconduct](#)
- [Greensboro College moves graduation indoors](#)
- [Former WFMY anchor Hughes wins NCCJ award](#)
- [Sports](#)
 - [Sports Home](#)
 - [College](#)
 - [High Schools Sports](#)
 - [NASCAR](#)
 - [Professional](#)
 - [Community Sports](#)
 - [Share a Sports Tip](#)

Top Sports Articles

- [Coach Duane Ross sees Olympic trials, championships at N.C. A&T](#)
- [High school pairings](#)
- [Things To Do](#)
 - [Things To Do Home](#)
 - [GoTriad.com](#)
 - [Events](#)
 - [Puzzles & Games](#)

[Top Things To Do Articles](#)

- [Confessions of a stressed runway model](#)
- [Places for skiing, snowboarding, and tubing in N.C.](#)
- [Go Triad events calendar](#)
- [Kristofferson doesn't lament end of road](#)
- [Female artists, take a bow](#)
- [Opinion](#)
 - [Opinion Home](#)
 - [Letters to the Editor](#)

- [News & Record Editorials](#)
- [Columnists](#)

Top Opinion Articles

- [Editorial, May 10: Fire, aim, ready...](#)
- [Editorial, May 9: Duke can be partner in economic growth](#)
- [Life](#)
 - [Life Home](#)
 - [Celebrations](#)
 - [Food](#)
 - [Pets](#)
 - [Health](#)
 - [Books](#)
 - [Discover the Triad](#)
 - [Women to Women](#)
 - [Share Your Life Content](#)
 - [Triad Worship Guide](#)

Top Life Articles

- [Randolph County estate is main setting in new Hallmark movie](#)
- [Lacy Green: 'I found everything I wanted'](#)
- [Model, actress, designer — what's next for Erin Wasson?](#)
- ['G-Man' creator talks with students about comic books](#)
- [Even with Leo, 'The Great Gatsby' is anything but](#)
- [Blogs](#)

News Blogs

- [Bargain Blog](#)
- [The Chalkboard](#)
- [The Crime Scene](#)
- [Ink Bytes](#)
- [North State Politics](#)
- [The Inside Scoop](#)

Sports Blogs

- [HSXtra](#)
- [Running Scared](#)
- [Running Shorts](#)
- [Sports Extra](#)

Opinion Blogs

- [Off the Record](#)
- [Page Turners](#)

- [Thinking Out Loud](#)

Life Blogs

- [Scenic Route](#)
- [Short Orders](#)
- [The Joke's On You](#)
- [The Pet Shop](#)

Latest Blog Postings

- [Zach Galifianakis' 'Saturday Night Live' New Balance skit](#)
- [Runners: Andy Shepard](#)
- [Some lunch specials](#)
- [State athletic departments get by with a little help from their schools](#)
- [Some discrimination makes sense](#)
- [Obits](#)
 - [View Obituaries](#)
 - [Guest Book](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
 - [How to Submit An Obituary](#)
 - [Our Other Services](#)
- [From Readers](#)
 - [From Our Readers Home](#)
- [Photos/Videos](#)
 - [Photos/Videos Home](#)
 - [News & Record Photo Galleries](#)
 - [Videos](#)

Recent Photo Galleries/Videos

- [Northwest Guilford wins second-round lacrosse playoff game](#)
- [Photo: McConnell Road crash sends four to hospital](#)
- [A friendly welcome at HPU graduation](#)
- [Owl photos by Jim Dollar](#)
- [Bog Garden barred owls draw a steady crowd in Greensboro](#)
- [Classifieds](#)
 - [Place An Ad, Sell Your Stuff](#)
 - [Legals](#)
 - [Apparel & Accessories](#)
 - [Auctions & Public Sale](#)
 - [Automotive](#)
 - [Automotive Services](#)
 - [Books, Music, and DVDs](#)
 - [Business & Finance](#)
 - [Camera & Photo](#)
 - [Computers & Electronics](#)
 - [Coupons](#)

- [Education](#)
 - [Employment](#)
 - [Entertainment](#)
 - [Furniture & Furnishings](#)
 - [Health & Beauty](#)
 - [Home & Garden](#)
 - [Lost & Found](#)
 - [Merchandise](#)
 - [Office Products](#)
 - [Pets & Animals](#)
 - [Real Estate](#)
 - [Recreational Vehicles](#)
 - [Restaurants](#)
 - [Services](#)
 - [Sports & Recreation](#)
 - [Toys & Games](#)
 - [Travel & Luggage](#)
-

N.C. Senate OKs bill to allow online public notices

2013-04-24T00:22:16 Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Updated 12:22AM

By Travis Fain

travis.fain@news-record.com

News & Record

- [Like](#) { 1 } [Tweet](#) { 1 } [Share](#)
- - - [Font Size](#)
 - [Font Size Reset](#)
 - [Font Size](#)
- [Article](#)
- [Comments\(5\)](#)



GREENSBORO — Local governments in Guilford and nine other North Carolina counties wouldn't have to publish public notices in a local newspaper under legislation approved by the N.C. Senate on Tuesday.

Sen. Trudy Wade's bill allows those governments to put the notices online instead, and potentially save hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising costs.

Senate Bill 287 passed the Senate 26-22 on Tuesday, a close vote in a body often divided along party lines.

A handful of Republicans sided with Democrats against the bill.

The bill now goes to the N.C. House. [Continue Reading](#)



A separate bill, Senate Bill 186, would extend online publication statewide, but it has been sitting in a Senate committee for more than a month. Wade, R-Guilford and a former Greensboro City Council member, is also a primary sponsor on that bill.

She and others have said it's unfair and unnecessary to require governments to buy advertising in paid-circulation papers, a part of North Carolina law since the 1940s. The Internet made it more efficient to put notices online, they argue.

Opponents of the bill say requiring publication in a newspaper is an important guard on transparency, particularly since many people don't have Internet access.

Wade's bill would allow government leaders to put notices in free-circulation papers, provided they are published at least once a week and have at least 25,000 readers.

Governments still would have to post rezoning and other notices in affected neighborhoods.

They would have to provide notices by mail or email to whoever requests them, and put hard copies in a book available to the public.

Local governments wouldn't have to change anything about their publication policies if this bill becomes law, but they would have the option to.

Those that exercise it would have to publish instructions on how to access the new notices at least once a month for a year in a paid-circulation paper.

Guilford County spent more than \$104,500 on public notices in 2012, including more than \$80,300 to advertise tax delinquencies in the News & Record, according to county figures.

The county adds \$8 to delinquent property tax bills to cover the costs. Assistant Tax Director Greg French said the county likely recoups most of that, though it may take years. He said the potential embarrassment of having late tax notices published in the paper spurs people to pay, but he couldn't provide figures.

The amount Greensboro spent last year on notices wasn't available Tuesday.

Contact Travis Fain at 373-4476, and follow @travisfain on Twitter.

[Copyright 2013 News & Record. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.](#)

[Welcome](#)

Welcome to story comments. Please observe these guidelines to ensure a fun and non-threatening space for spirited public dialogue:

- Comment under your real name.
- Keep it clean.
- Keep it civil.
- Avoid personal attacks.
- Report possible violations to feedback@news-record.com.

[House Rules](#)

User comments can add a valuable and constructive dimension to community dialogue. We encourage respectful debate. However, commenting is a privilege that will be revoked for violations of our Terms of Use. In addition, please follow these "House Rules" when commenting on news articles, letters or editorials.

- Be relevant. Discuss the story or letter opened for comments. Stay on topic.
- Be respectful. It's fine to disagree but not to be disagreeable. Avoid abusive, offensive and profane language. Threats, hate speech and libelous statements will be deleted. Name-calling, threats and insults are not welcome.
- Be substantive. Facts add weight and credibility to your views.
- Be honest. Don't make up facts or pretend to be someone else.
- Be discreet. Don't publish telephone numbers, addresses or other personal information about yourself or others.
- Respect copyrights. Don't publish material that belongs to someone else.

- Inappropriate comments will be deleted. Users who repeatedly violate these rules will be banned from commenting on this website.
- Commenters are solely responsible for what they post and can be held responsible for violations of the law. Please report comments that violate these rules by clicking on the "Report Abuse" link.

[Inappropriate content? Please report abuse.](#)

Previous Comments (5)...

Posted by Keith Brown

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Travis you are not reporting the whole picture on just how much money the news and record takes in regarding public notices, add every city in this county as well plus add school board notices and then add all the county including the tax delinquency bill. You work for the company ask the financial department for the whole picture. I have reported close to \$218,000 <http://triadwatch.blogspot.com/2013/02/repost-on-21877513-is-amount-guilford.html> Where are you getting your numbers because they are way off.

Posted by Keith Brown

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2013

this article is a total farce when it comes to how much money it is costing the taxpayers of Guilford county. the editors of the news and record should be ashamed with this type of reporting

Posted by George Hartzman

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2013

From Keith's information supplied by Guilford County, the Greensboro News and Record received \$206,441 from 4/30/2010 to 4/30/2011, not including other municipalities and the Guilford County Schools. Please clarify your numbers.

Posted by Travis Fain

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2013

The figure I gave is from the Guilford County commission/staff, which provided it in March when commissioners discussed this issue. It's a 2012 figure, which was the latest year available. I didn't collect the school board's information Tuesday, but plan to before I write about this issue again. I should have Greensboro's by then, too. The article is not a farce, and we are not ashamed of it. I've been in Raleigh today and am just seeing these comments now, though Mr. Brown was kind enough to call me on my cell phone today to inform me that my article "was crap."

Posted by Keith Brown

Date: Friday, April 26, 2013

Don't forget Oak Ridge, Summerfield, Gibsonville, Whitsett, Pleasant Garden and board of elections. Nice way to low ball the numbers because you are way off. Let's see the actual invoices added up like I did for Guilford county <http://triadwatch.blogspot.com/2013/02/repost-on-21877513-is-amount-guilford.html> Which equaled \$218,000

You must be logged in to comment.

[Create an Account](#)

OR LOGIN


[Forgot Password?](#)

Sign-in

CAROLINA SILVER & GOLD LLC
WE PAY CASH for your old, used, and unwanted jewelry...
336-299-7061
www.northcarolinacoins.com

Advertisement


13th Annual N.C. Wine Festival: Buy One General Admission Ticket, Get One Free!
More Info >



**Get
50% off
the newest
smartphones**

Get these hot phones for \$99.99 at AT&T stores when you trade in your current smartphone.

[Learn More](#)



Limited-time offer at select locations. In-store only. Pay \$199.99 with 2-yr agmt with monthly voice and data or Mobile share plans and use \$100 savings from qualifying trade-in 3-yr-old or newer. Early termination and other fees and conditions apply. [Offer details.](#)

Advertisement



SELECT A CATEGORY OR CLICK TO THE RIGHT TO VIEW A VIDEO

powered by TRIADCAREERS.COM

POWERED BY DMC

Select a Category ▼

Precision Concepts ▲

QC Inspector

Confidential

Cook

Town of Jamestown

Parks Superintendent ▼

[View All Jobs](#)

Advertisement

[News-Record.com](#)

- [Advertise With Us](#)
- [Subscribe to Newsletters/Alerts](#)
- [Privacy Policy](#)

News & Record

- [Subscribe](#)
- [Manage Subscription](#)
- [Archives](#)
- [e-Edition](#)
- [Advertise With Us](#)
- [Print Advertising](#)
- [e-AdPost](#)
- [Purchase Photos](#)
- [Keepsake Plaques](#)
- [Contact the newsroom](#)

- [goTriad.com](#)
- [TriadHomes.com](#)
- [TriadCareers.com](#)
- [TriadCars.com](#)
- [TriadMarketplace.com](#)

 ☒ Website ☐ Newspaper Archives[Copyright © 2013 World Media Enterprises Inc](#)[Terms and Conditions](#) News & Record 200 E. Market Street, Greensboro NC 27401

(336) 373-7000 (800) 553-6880 203 E. Harris Place, Eden, NC 27288

(336) 627-1781