

# 2017 Post-Session Update

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# Today's Agenda

- 1. The McGuireWoods Consulting team**
- 2. 2017 Legislative Update**
- 3. What to expect in 2018**

*Who is McGuireWoods Consulting?*

# OUR EXPERTISE

McGuireWoods consulting is by far the most seasoned lobbying group in Raleigh. Eleven consultants strong, we are a bi-partisan team comprised of veteran government affairs professionals who believe that there is no substitute for service in state government, local government, or elective politics as a way to understand how to get things done. Our team includes a former state legislator, district attorney, chief of staff to a governor, as well as several decades of private sector experience.

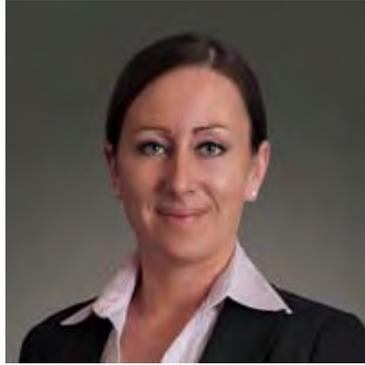
Like several other firms, we have close relationships with every major elected official and appointed leader in our state. However, what makes us different is that we have **expert level knowledge in specific state policy areas and deep experience in government** that help us understand the factors driving policy decisions, the context in which they are made, and the process that is used to reach outcomes.

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## OUR TEAM



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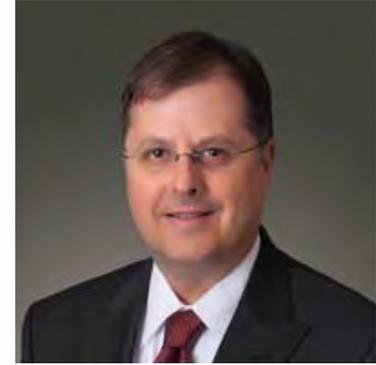
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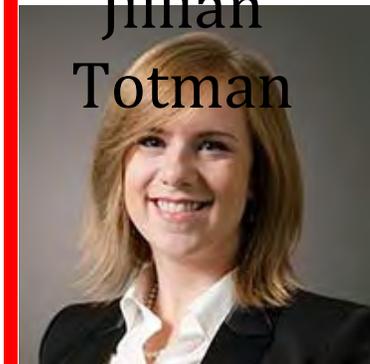
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# LAWS

## **SB 8: Code Exempt/Airport Changes**

An act to provide an exemption to building code provisions allowing construction of parking garage to extend across a lot line between city-owned lot and a privately owned lot without meeting certain requirements.

*The bill became effective on July 12, 2017 and the exemption will expire on June 30, 2020.*

# *2017 Legislative Update*

## **LAWS**

### **SB 16: Business & Agency Regulatory Reform Act of 2017**

An act to provide further regulatory relief to the citizens of North Carolina.

- Modifies the definition of “life-of-site” to state that the period may not exceed 60 years, amends the law concerning termination of a life-of-site permit for a sanitary landfill, and states that a franchise extended under this language would not require a public hearing.

*Effective October 5, 2017.*

# *2017 Legislative Update*

## **LAWS**

### **SB 155: ABC Omnibus Legislation**

An act to make various changes to the ABC Commission laws.

- Allows for the sale of alcoholic drinks before noon on Sundays.
- Allows for breweries that produce agriculture products for use in the manufacture of malt beverages to sell their products at the brewery.
- Clarifies that an ABC permittee applying for a local license is not required to submit additional documentation.
- Allows wineries to provide free tastings of its wine and sell its wine at farmers markets.

*Effective July 1, 2017.*

# 2017 Legislative Update

## LAWS

### **SB 257: Appropriations Act of 2017**

- Provided funding for the Powell Bill (with restrictions) at \$147.5 million annually.
- Enacted “Raise the Age.”
- Creates the N.C. Ready Sites Program within the Department of Commerce by providing \$2 million in funding for FY 2017-18 for the Rural Infrastructure Authority.
- Exempted cities from budget transparency requirements passed in previous sessions.
- Offers matching grants to local governments for downtown revitalize efforts.
- Film and Entertainment Grant Fund funded at \$15 million for FY 2017-18, and \$31 million in FY 2018-19.

*Effective July 1, 2017.*

# City of Greensboro Legislative Agenda

- Police Disciplinary Action (Local Bill)
- Body Worn Cameras
- Repair of Nonresidential Buildings and Rewrite of Planning Statutes
- Fire Department: Search and Rescue Funds
- Healthcare for Former Council Members
- Collection of Parking Fines Linked to DMV Registration

*What to expect in 2018*

# **JANUARY 10 SPECIAL SESSION**

## **What is eligible for consideration?**

- Judicial, local government, and legislative redistricting bills
- Constitutional bills
- Gubernatorial nominations or appointments
- Bills up for concurrence or currently in conference committee
- Election law bills

*\*\*The Legislature is currently still in the January 10 Special Session and expected to take votes in early February.*

*What to expect in 2018*

## SHORT SESSION

~~Convenes:~~

**May 16, 2018**

# Questions or Comments?

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