

270. At the meeting of said Commissioners of Goldsboro three shall constitute a quorum, and all questions submitted shall be decided by at least three Commissioners, but less than a quorum may appoint the time for a subsequent meeting and adjourn; and said Commissioners of Goldsboro shall serve without compensation, but may be paid their actual necessary expenses. Said Commissioners may appoint the clerk, bailiff and other officers and employees, or either of them, from among themselves or among the other inhabitants of said town, or as hereinafter provided.

271. The County Commissioners of Caroline County shall annually pay to Commissioners of Goldsboro six per cent of the county taxes levied upon all property within town limits, provided that said Town shall not receive less than one hundred and fifty dollars, to be expended as Commissioners of Goldsboro may elect.

272. The said Commissioners may, in their discretion, exempt and release from assessment or taxation any public improvements, and all machinery, plant and property used in manufacturing for a period not exceeding five years, unless the qualified voters of the town of Goldsboro shall, at an election when the question of such exemption for a longer period than five years is submitted to them, cast a majority of votes in favor of such exemption for such longer period; provided, however, that nothing in this section contained shall discriminate against any existing enterprise in favor of a like enterprise accepting the provisions of this Act.

273. Nothing in the preceding sections contained shall in any manner affect the validity of any tax already levied by said Commissioners, or any ordinance or action passed or taken by them, or in any proceeding taken under any ordinance or action by them, but all of the same shall have the same force and legal effect as though this Act had not been passed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any section or clause of this Act shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or sentences.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1948.

Approved June 1, 1948.