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**Fwd: Confederate statue in front of the library**

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**Jackson County - website** <jacksoncounty@jacksonnc.org>  
Bcc: mickeyluker@jacksonnc.org

Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 4:31 PM

Dear Commissioners, (all Bcc'd)

Please see the email below from Steve Blevins and the response emailed to him from our office.

Thanks,

Jan

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jackson County - website** <jacksoncounty@jacksonnc.org>

Date: Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 4:28 PM

Subject: Re: Confederate statue in front of the library

To: Steve Blevins <steve@blevins.ws>

Mr. Blevins,

Thank you for contacting us. Please see below for information shared with me regarding North Carolina law.

All major items placed upon or removed from the old courthouse lawn requires the approval of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. I will forward your request to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. In 2015 the State of NC passed a law limiting and regulating a local government's ability to remove, relocate and/or alter these types of statues. I have included a link to an UNC School of Government blog regarding this matter.

<https://canons.sog.unc.edu/statues-statutes-limits-removing-monuments-public-property/>

I hope this information is helpful.

Best regards,

Jan Fitzgerald  
Jackson County Manager's Office

On Fri, Jun 12, 2020 at 9:12 PM Steve Blevins <steve@blevins.ws> wrote:

It is time to remove this. This is an embarrassment to our town and makes Sylva look racist and backwards. There is no valid argument for keeping it.

Steve Blevins

