

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

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HOUSE BILL 760\*

Short Title: Carrboro Charter Amendments.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives Insko and Hackney.

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Referred to: Local and Regional Government I, if favorable, Finance.

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April 2, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 9-3 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being Chapter 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

**"Section 9-3. Zoning Board of Adjustment.** The board of aldermen may create a board of adjustment in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes. Such board shall be subject to all the provisions of general law except that the board of aldermen may authorize the board of adjustment to decide any matter before it either (i) upon a vote of a majority of the members present at a meeting and not excused from voting, so long as a quorum ~~consisting of at least six members~~ is present, or (ii) upon a vote of a four-fifths majority of the members present at a meeting and not excused from voting, so long as a quorum ~~consisting of at least six members~~ is present."

◆ Section 2. Section 9-5 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being Chapter 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

**"Section 9-5. Sprinkler Systems.** Notwithstanding any provision of the North Carolina State Building Code or any general or local law to the contrary, the board of aldermen may adopt an ordinance requiring that sprinkler systems be installed in all of the following types of buildings constructed within the town or its extraterritorial

1 ~~planning jurisdiction:—jurisdiction, including the portion of the joint planning area~~  
2 ~~authorized under Chapter 233 of the 1987 Session Laws wherein the Town of Carrboro~~  
3 ~~administers the State Building Code: (i) buildings in excess of 50 feet in height; (ii)~~  
4 ~~nonresidential buildings containing at least 5,000 square feet of floor surface area; ~~or~~ (iii)~~  
5 ~~buildings designed for assembly occupancy (as defined in the North Carolina State~~  
6 ~~Building Code) that accommodate more than 25 people.—people; or (iv) residential~~  
7 ~~buildings having three or more dwelling units. ~~This ordinance applies—An ordinance~~~~  
8 ~~adopted pursuant to this section may apply to existing buildings only to the extent and~~  
9 ~~under the circumstances that the provisions of the North Carolina State Building Code~~  
10 ~~apply to preexisting buildings."~~

11 Section 3. Section 3-1 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being Chapter  
12 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

13 "**Section 3-1. Privilege License Tax.** The town may levy privilege license taxes on  
14 all trades, occupations, professions, businesses, and franchises carried on within the town  
15 unless such trade, occupation, profession, business, or franchise has been completely  
16 exempted from municipal privilege license taxes under State law. The town may, but is  
17 not required to, establish a schedule of privilege license taxes based in whole or in part on  
18 the annual gross receipts of the businesses taxed. The schedule is not subject to the  
19 limitations referenced in G.S. 160A-211 on the maximum amount of privilege license  
20 taxes that may be levied on specific types of businesses."

21 Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.