

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1997**

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**SENATE BILL 499**

Short Title: Charlotte Parking Ordinances.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Senators Odom; and Winner.

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Referred to: State Government, Local Government, and Personnel.

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March 25, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO ADOPT ORDINANCES  
RELATING TO THE PARKING OR STANDING OF MOTOR VEHICLES NEAR  
FIRE HYDRANTS AND FIRE STATIONS AND IN FIRE LANES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article II of Subchapter A of Chapter VI of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, being Chapter 713 of the 1965 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new section to read:

"Section 6.26. Fire Safety Parking Regulations. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes or any other public or local laws to the contrary, the city council may adopt ordinances that prohibit parking or standing of motor vehicles within 15 feet in either direction of a fire hydrant or entrance to a fire station or within any area designated as a fire lane. Any ordinances adopted pursuant to this act may be enforced by authorized municipal authorities, including the Charlotte Fire Department, whether or not the vehicle is parked on public or private property, in the same manner that is used to enforce other parking laws and ordinances."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.