

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

**SENATE BILL 504
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DURHAM TO GRANT THE CITY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE THE CITY'S ANTI-SWEATSHOP REQUIREMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR CITY CONTRACTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 84.4 of the Charter of the City of Durham, being Chapter 671 of the 1975 Session Laws, as amended by S.L. 2000-47, reads as rewritten:

"Section 84.4. **Anti-Sweatshop Requirements.** (a) The City Council may establish, agree to, and comply with anti-sweatshop requirements by including the requirements in the specifications for contracts to purchase or rent apparel or textiles and awarding bids pursuant to G.S. 143-129 and G.S. 143-131, if applicable, to the lowest responsible bidders meeting these and other specifications. Anti-sweatshop requirements may include:

- (1) Prohibitions against violations of applicable law or regulation, forced labor, or employment of children; and
- (2) The disclosure of:
 - a. The locations and ownership of the manufacturing company where the apparel or textiles are made, finished, packed, or otherwise processed;
 - b. Compensation to workers; and
 - c. Any other information necessary and proper for the enforcement of other anti-sweatshop requirements and not in violation of any other State law.

(a1) The City Council may, on any terms it deems proper, authorize the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to include anti-sweatshop requirements authorized in subsection (a) of this section in the specifications for contracts to purchase or rent apparel or textiles and to award bids to the lowest responsible bidders meeting these and other specifications.

(b) The authority granted by this section is in addition to, and not in derogation of, any other authority granted by this Charter or any other law."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of July, 2009.

Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

