

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2007-266
HOUSE BILL 555**

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO TO PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE PAYMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS, AND TO ALLOW THE CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS TO ASSESS BENEFITED PROPERTIES FOR MAINTENANCE OF PARKING LOTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Article 5 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being Chapter 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, as amended, is amended by adding the following new section to read:

"Section 5-4. Collection of Special Assessment Liens. (a) In addition to the payment methods provided in G.S. 160A-232, the Board of Aldermen may provide in the resolution directing the project giving rise to the assessment that assessments may be paid in whatever periodic installments, including annually, semiannually, quarterly, or monthly, that are authorized in the resolution. The interest rate applicable to the installments shall be the same without regard to the installment period.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 160A-233(b), the Board of Aldermen may authorize the town manager or the manager's designee to waive the automatic acceleration of delinquent special assessment payments and to design and establish installment plans for the repayment of special assessments.

(c) To collect delinquent special assessment payments, the town may use any and all of the remedies authorized for the collection of unpaid property taxes under Article 26 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes."

SECTION 1.(b) This section applies to all special assessments levied by the town under the provisions of its Charter or Article 10 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes before and after this section's effective date.

SECTION 2.(a) G.S. 160A-216 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"§ 160A-216. Authority to make special assessments.

Any city is authorized to make special assessments against benefited property within its corporate limits for:

...

(6) Repair and maintenance of parking lots, including, but not limited to, lighting, drainage, and appropriate traffic signage."

SECTION 2.(b) Article 10 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 160A-219.1. Parking lot assessments.

Assessments for repair and maintenance of parking lots as authorized by G.S. 160A-216(6) may be made only for shopping center parking lots where the parking lot property was acquired by the city either as a result of foreclosure for nonpayment of city property taxes or by transfer of title to the city from another taxing unit that acquired the property as a result of foreclosure for nonpayment of property taxes. Assessments may be made only as to benefited property within the shopping center as defined by the city, and the basis for such assessments shall be made in accordance with G. S. 160A-218."

SECTION 2.(c) This section applies only to the City of Roanoke Rapids.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of July, 2007.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives