

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 684

Short Title: Municipalities' Tree Ordinances.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Mosley and Hensley (By Request) (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Local Government II.

March 30, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 **AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF APEX, CARY, GARNER, AND**
3 **MORRISVILLE TO ADOPT ORDINANCES REGULATING REMOVAL,**
4 **REPLACEMENT, AND PRESERVATION OF TREES AND SHRUBS WITHIN**
5 **THE TOWNS AND THE TOWNS' EXTRATERRITORIAL PLANNING**
6 **JURISDICTION.**

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. In order to preserve and enhance one of the most valuable natural
9 resources of the community and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, a
10 municipality may adopt ordinances to regulate the planting, removal, and preservation of
11 trees and shrubs on public and private property within the municipality.

12 Section 2. Prior to adopting an ordinance authorized by Section 1 of this act, a
13 public hearing shall be held before the municipality's governing board. Notice of the
14 hearing shall be given in accordance with G.S. 160A-364.

15 Section 3. This act shall apply only to the Towns of Apex, Cary, Garner, and
16 Morrisville and to the areas within the Towns' extraterritorial planning jurisdiction under
17 Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.

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