

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**SENATE BILL 494**

Short Title: Carrboro Sprinklers.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Senator Kinnaird.

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Referred to: State Government, Local Government, and Veterans' Affairs.

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March 20, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF CARRBORO TO REQUIRE SPRINKLERS  
2 IN BARS, CLUBS, AND OTHER SIMILAR PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY  
3 THAT HAVE GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE AND  
4 SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** A town may, by ordinance, require bars, clubs, and other  
8 similar places of public assembly that have gatherings of more than 100 persons and sell  
9 alcoholic beverages to install and maintain fire sprinkler systems in any indoor areas.  
10 Similar places of public occupancy also include dance halls, pool and billiard parlors,  
11 and music clubs.

12 This act applies to any new occupancy prior to issuance of a certificate of  
13 occupancy. The town may make it applicable within a period of five years from  
14 enactment of the ordinance to any existing occupancy with a rated occupancy load  
15 exceeding 100 persons.

16 In adopting the ordinance, the town may incorporate applicable definitions of  
17 the State fire code.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the Town of Carrboro only.

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