

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**SENATE BILL 488
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CARRBORO CHARTER TO ALLOW THE TOWN TO
LIMIT BY ORDINANCE THE AMOUNT THAT PERSONS MAY
CONTRIBUTE TO A CANDIDATE, AS LONG AS THE LIMIT IS NO LOWER
THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER ELECTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 2-7 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being Chapter 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, as added by Section 2 of Chapter 660 of the 1993 Session Laws, is repealed.

SECTION 2. Article 2 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being Chapter 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, is amended by adding the following section to read:

"Section 2-8. **Limitation on contributions.** (a) Except as provided by G.S. 163-278.13(c), the town may by ordinance limit the amount of contributions which any individual, person, or political committee may contribute to any candidate for town office. The ordinance may not set a limitation which has a dollar amount greater than the dollar amount set in the general law which would apply to elective office in the town. The ordinance may not set a limitation lower than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per election.

(b) An ordinance setting a limitation for the 2009 regular town election may be adopted at any time after this section becomes law, but expires 60 days prior to opening of filing for the 2011 regular town election, except that such expiration does not make lawful any contribution received before that date in excess of the limitation.

(c) An extension or reenactment of such ordinance, with or without a change of the amount of the limitation may be adopted no earlier than 150 days prior to opening of filing of the 2011 regular town election and no later than 60 days prior to opening of filing for the 2011 regular town election, and expires 60 days prior to opening of filing for the 2013 regular town election, except that such expiration does not make lawful any contribution received before that date in excess of the limitation.

(d) For each subsequent biennial town election, the rule in subsection (c) of this section applies by adding increments of two years to the dates set in that subsection.

(e) The limitations set under this section also apply to any special election to fill a vacancy under Section 2-2 of this Charter held at a date other than a regular town election.

"Section 2-9. **Definitions.** The definitions in Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes apply to Section 2-8 of this Charter. As used in Section 2-8, "candidate" also means a political committee authorized by the candidate for that candidate's election."

SECTION 3. Section 35(b) of Session Law 2007-391 is repealed.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of
July, 2008.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives