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March 12, 2009

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The Honorable Joe Hackney, Speaker
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The Honorable Larry D. Hall
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The Honorable Eleanor Kinnaird
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The Honorable Verla C. Insko
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Dear Senators Atwater and Kinnaird and Representatives Faison, Hackney, Hall and Insko:

I am pleased to submit to you the Chapel Hill Town Council's legislative requests for the 2009 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly. The council adopted the attached resolution on March 9, 2009. Prior to taking action to adopt the resolution the Council took the following steps:

1. On February 4, 2009, held a public forum to receive public comment on potential topics for its legislative agenda.
2. On February 23, 2009, met with Senator Kinnaird and Representatives Bill Faison, Joe Hackney and Verla Insko to discuss the 2009 Session of the General Assembly and legislative matters of interest to the Town Council.
3. On March 9, 2009, received public comment on the proposed Town legislative agenda.

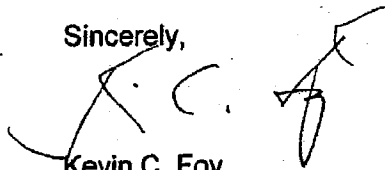
Enclosed with this letter are drafts of the two local bills the Town is requesting be introduced in this Session.

The ticket tax bill is an updated version of Senate Bill 500 from the 1991 Session of the General Assembly.

The bill on disclosure of personnel information for police investigations is based on several bills that have been enacted in recent years for other municipalities, in particular, Session Law 2001-20 (Greensboro); Session Law 2003-238 (Wilmington); Session Law 1998-142 (Durham); and, Session Law 1997-305 (Charlotte). Each of these local laws either were Charter amendments or had other specific provisions that prevented us from just requesting Chapel Hill be added to one of them. There some minor differences between these other laws. However, the major substantive provisions of these local acts and the Chapel Hill request are consistent.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



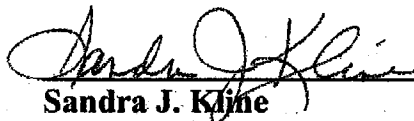
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Mayor

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I, Sandra J. Kline, Acting Town Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of (2009-03-09/R-13) adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council on March 9, 2009.

This the 11th day of March, 2009.



**Sandra J. Kline
Acting Town Clerk**



A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 2009 SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2009-03-09/R-13)

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill conducted a meeting with Senator Eleanor Kinnaird and Representatives Bill Faison, Joe Hackney, and Verla Insko on February 23, 2009, to discuss potential legislative issues of interest to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Council has, February 4, 2009 and March 9, 2009, discussed publicly and afforded the opportunity for public input on proposed items for inclusion in the Town's legislative program for the 2009 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly; and,

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the comments of its citizens and members of the Legislative Delegation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby establishes the following as its Legislative Program for consideration in the 2009 Session of the General Assembly:

Local Issues

1. A local bill to allow disclosure of personnel information to a citizen review panel established to review disciplinary matters for Town police employees.
2. A local bill to permit a tax on tickets purchased for large entertainment and sports events, with the revenue dedicated to the support of public transit and transportation programs.

Statewide Issues

1. Support for State legislation to increase the emphasis on bicycle safety issues in drivers' education courses and on the State drivers' license examination.
2. Support for State legislation to affirm the Jordan Lake watershed regulations.
3. Support for State legislation that would further regulate or prohibit the use of herbicides for the clearing and maintenance of easements and rights of way by utility companies.
4. Support for changes to State law to lower the metering fees assessed by utility companies for facilities that produce electricity from renewable sources.
5. Support for changes to State law to provide additional funding options for local transit services.

6. Support for House Bill 355, to provide additional State compensation to municipalities and local fire districts providing fire protection to state-owned buildings.
7. Support for substantial funding for the State's land and water conservation funds.
8. Support for changes in the State law to allow local governments to include standards for energy efficiency in local building codes that are higher than those contained in the State Building Code.
9. Support for efforts by the University of North Carolina to change the law to allow the University to retain in its budget the savings realized from implementation of energy efficiency upgrades in construction and building renovations.
10. Support for a Constitutional amendment to allow municipalities to adjust tax rates for areas being annexed.
11. Support for changes in the State law, including a Constitutional amendment, to increase the property tax homestead exclusion and to allow local governments to adjust the homestead exclusion.
12. Support for repeal of the North Carolina General Statute 51-1.2, the "Defense of Marriage" Act.
13. Oppose any proposed Constitutional amendment which limits or defines marriage as only the union of a man and a woman or provides that marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union recognized in North Carolina.

This the 9th day of March, 2009.

