

**To: Mayor and Council members
of the town of Chapel Hill**

Re: Bicycle Safety

Dear Mayor and Council members;

I would like to address an issue that has been on my mind and subsequently on the minds of many of my fellow Chapel Hill residents. This issue is one that involves one of the utmost sincere issues that we face; This issue is personal safety and prevention of serious injury and possible death.

Persons that ride bicycles, which are numerous in Carrboro and Chapel Hill, are persons generally that seek alternative modes of transportation. They commute back and forth to university classes and work. Most of these persons are responsible people that pay taxes, insurance premiums and know their responsibility of being liable for an accident. That being said, I would like to suggest the following measures possibly need to be addressed:

- 1. Persons riding bicycles are made aware by law enforcement that rider(s) are to follow the same laws that motor vehicles adhere to;**
- 2. Bicycle safety classes be made available to persons riding bicycles at time of purchase or at other designated locations;**
- 3. Enforcement of laws be made consistent and longstanding.**

I would like to thank, in advance, the Mayor and town Council members for considering these changes for the town of Chapel Hill and concerned citizens.

Sincerely,

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