

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 494  
State Government, Local Government, and Veterans' Affairs Committee  
Substitute Adopted 4/21/03  
State Government, Local Government, and Veterans' Affairs Committee  
Substitute #2 Adopted 4/24/03

Short Title: Carrboro Sprinklers.

(Local)

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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.** Section 9-5 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being  
8 Chapter 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, as amended, reads as rewritten:

9 "**Section 9-5.** Sprinkler Systems.

10 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the North Carolina State Building Code or  
11 any general or local law to the contrary, the board of aldermen may adopt an ordinance  
12 requiring that sprinkler systems be installed in all of the following types of buildings  
13 constructed within the town or its extraterritorial planning jurisdiction: (i) buildings in  
14 excess of 50 feet in height; (ii) nonresidential buildings containing at least 5,000 square  
15 feet of floor surface area; or (iii) buildings designed for assembly occupancy (as defined  
16 in the North Carolina State Building Code) that accommodate more than 25 people.  
17 This ordinance applies to existing buildings only to the extent and under the  
18 circumstances that the provisions of the North Carolina State Building Code apply to  
19 preexisting buildings.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any provision in the North Carolina State Building Code or  
21 any other provision of law, the Board of Aldermen may adopt an ordinance requiring  
22 that sprinkler systems be installed in bars, clubs, and other places of public assembly  
23 that are designed for occupancy by 100 or more persons and that sell alcoholic  
24 beverages. This ordinance may be made applicable to any new occupancy prior to  
25 issuance of a certificate of occupancy. The ordinance may also be made applicable to

1 any existing occupancy at the end of a period of three years following the date of  
2 enactment of the ordinance."

3           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.