

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 539

Short Title: Chapel Hill Energy Efficiency Incentives.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Kinnaird.

Referred to: Finance.

March 7, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL TO
2 PERMIT THE TOWN TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES IN
3 EXCHANGE FOR REDUCTION IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Charter of the Town of Chapel Hill, being Chapter 473 of
7 the 1975 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 "Sec. 5.19. Ordinances permitting density bonuses and other land-use development
9 incentives for development projects agreeing to meet energy conservation carbon
10 reduction standards.

11 For the purpose of reducing the amount of energy consumption by new
12 development, and thereby promoting the public health, safety and welfare, the Town of
13 Chapel Hill may grant a density bonus, make adjustments to otherwise applicable
14 development requirements or provide other incentives to a developer within the Town
15 and its extraterritorial planning jurisdiction if the developer agrees to construct new
16 development or reconstruct existing development in a manner that the Town determines,
17 based on generally recognized standards established for such purposes, makes a
18 significant contribution to the reduction of energy consumption."

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