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**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

<b>Mon (June 1)</b>	<b>Tues (June 2)</b>	<b>Wed (June 3)</b>	<b>Thurs (June 4)</b>	<b>Fri (June 5)</b>
3:00 PM Intergovernmental Relations, Room 280  4:00 PM Budget Straw Vote Conclusion and Council Workshop, Room 267		Optional Council trip to Raleigh		

## CALENDAR DETAILS:

### **Monday, June 1**

3:00 PM Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Room 280  
**AGENDA:** Federal update; State update; Trending topics

4:00 PM Budget Straw Vote Conclusion and Council Workshop, Room 267

### **Wednesday, June 3**

Optional Council trip to Raleigh

**June and July calendars are attached.**



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## AGENDA NOTES:

### **Budget Straw Votes Conclusion, Workshop and Tour – 4:00 p.m.**

*Staff Resource: Carol Jennings, CMO, 704 336-7285, [cljennings@charlottenc.gov](mailto:cljennings@charlottenc.gov)*

On Monday evening, City Council will meet at 4:00 p.m. in Room 267 to conclude the budget straw votes discussion, take action on a TIGER grant application, receive an overview of the Cross Charlotte Trail, and be briefed on a proposed Civil Liberties Resolution. At 6:30 p.m. Council will board a bus to visit three sections of the Little Sugar Creek Greenway, a major component of the Cross Charlotte Trail.

## INFORMATION:

### **FY2015 JAG Grant Components**

*Staff Resource: Paul Paskoff, CMPD, 704-336-2162, [ppaskoff@cmpd.org](mailto:ppaskoff@cmpd.org)*

Each year, the City of Charlotte receives funds from the Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) administered by the U.S. Department of Justice. The CMPD will be submitting its yearly application for these JAG Program funds June 26, 2015.

The City of Charlotte will receive \$441,241. The grant funds must be used for law enforcement purposes. The enabling legislation for the grant requires that the City share a portion of the funds with Mecklenburg County since the County is responsible for the incarceration of offenders. The City share of the funds will be \$330,931; Mecklenburg County will receive \$110,310.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's budget for \$330,931 in JAG funding consists of three components: \$155,016 for a Police Cadet Program, \$20,000 for crime laboratory overtime, and \$155,915 for patrol overtime.

The Cadet Program will provide 15 qualified students, actively enrolled in a local college, an opportunity to work in a professional, law enforcement environment, while learning about and training for future employment as a Police Officer with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. The program's intent is to enhance the participating student's knowledge of the CMPD and all operating aspects so that when the participant turns 21, he or she may enter into a career as a Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Officer. As Police Cadets work in different areas of the department, they will develop the necessary skills to make them the type of officer CMPD needs to be successful in its mission to prevent the next crime.

Crime laboratory funds will be used for the analysis of forensic evidence in criminal cases designated as "priority" by the CMPD and to reduce periodic backlogs in evidence analysis. The funds will be used by Crime Laboratory Division for analysis that includes DNA, Fingerprints, and Firearms. The use of the overtime funding will be determined based upon the CMPD's needs during the grant period.

Patrol overtime funds will provide 3,330 hours of overtime for enforcement and problem solving initiatives allowing patrol officers to address crime problems at the neighborhood level, including responding to emerging crime trends, identifying and targeting suspects, and working with partners to address the enablers of crime.

The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office will apply its \$110,310 to the purchase of a Meggitt Training System for its firing range and property and evidence room equipment. The Meggitt training system provides firearms training to officers by simulating active shooter and realistic shoot/don't shoot scenarios.

CMPD will request Council action to receive the City's portion and approve the necessary budget amendment later in the summer.

### **Solid Waste Services Readies For End Of Red Bin Collection**

*Staff Resource: Victoria O. Johnson, Solid Waste Services, 704-336-3410, [vojohnson@charlottenc.gov](mailto:vojohnson@charlottenc.gov)*

Charlotte's Solid Waste Services will end collection of recyclables from red bins on July 6, 2015. This change is expected to increase operational efficiency by 12 – 15 percent, increase recyclable material diverted from the waste stream, and improve worker safety.

In May, Solid Waste Services sent notification of this change to those identified as red bin users during a field audit earlier this year. These residents were instructed to call 311 if they did not want a green cart delivered to their home. The audit also identified residents who were not recycling. Residents not recycling were asked to consider recycling and to call to have a green cart delivered to their homes.

Solid Waste Services will deliver carts to 25 percent of the approximately 4,600 residents identified during the audit. Residents can continue to opt-in to recycling service even after the elimination of red bins.

In addition to direct mail, Solid Waste Services has shared the message at community events, in advertisements, and through the traditional and social media. Solid Waste Services produced a commercial that is airing on the GovChannel and being shared via social media as well. A link to the video and a detailed account of the activities to date is included below. Advertisements will continue until mid-July. Solid Waste Services will continue to include the message regarding the elimination of red bins in their materials even after July.

*GovChannel Commercial:* <http://bit.ly/redbin>

*Community Events:*

April 22 – Earth Day Celebration at Romare Bearden Park

May 30 – For Sister’s Only

*Advertisements:*

May 1 – WBAV website (For Sister’s Only)

May 4 – Epicenter Billboard

May 13 – Solid Waste Services E-Newsletter

May 21 – CROWN E-Newsletter

May thru July – Online Digital ads on 14 local websites

May thru July – Billboards (6 billboards throughout Charlotte)

*Media:*

<http://www.wsmv.com/story/28767480/charlotte-to-end-red-bin-recycling-pickup>

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/article17970368.html>

<http://www.wcnc.com/story/entertainment/2015/05/13/roll-to-recycle/27233559/>

**Camden Road Parking Meter Installation**

*Staff Resource:* Doreen Szymanski, CDOT, 704-336-7527, [dszymanski@charlottenc.gov](mailto:dszymanski@charlottenc.gov)

The Charlotte Department of Transportation will begin parking meter installation on Camden Road during early June. The CDOT, Charlotte Center City Partners and the SouthEnd businesses along the street are in agreement with the installation.

The CDOT and Charlotte Center City Partners staff met with each business along the street to discuss whether metered on-street parking would better serve their business. Currently, on-street parking for customers is limited as the free on-street spaces are being used daily by business employees, Lynx Blue Line riders, construction workers, and nearby residents who have off-street parking alternatives. Metered parking will encourage a turnover in parking spaces for visitors.

The CDOT intends to install new solar powered, credit card enabled parking meters. Metered hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Parking rates are \$.25 for each 15 minutes.

**Neighborhood Board Retreat Update**

Staff Resource: Liz Mitchell, NBS, 704-336-8409, [enmitchell@charlottenc.gov](mailto:enmitchell@charlottenc.gov)

The Mayor and Council are invited to the sixth NBS Neighborhood Board Retreat, which has been confirmed for Saturday, July 18 at UNCC’s Center City Building, located at 320 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The event will run from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The retreat was created to help neighborhood and business associations engage in meaningful conversations about improving quality of life in their respective communities. Attendees receive a customized Quality of Life report, participate in a facilitated goal planning discussions, establish priorities, and develop action plans for neighborhood improvement. Participating associations within the Neighborhood Matching Grant-eligible geography receive a \$1,500 match credit toward their next grant application.

Participation is capped at 17 organizations due to limited classroom capacity. Priority consideration will be given to the 25 neighborhoods that were unable to be accommodated during February’s retreat. Staff expects that several of these neighborhoods may be unavailable in July, so additional promotion from Council members is welcomed and would be helpful in filling any remaining slots. A complete listing of retreat participants will be provided to the Mayor and Council once it is finalized.

<b>Applicants Waitlisted from February 2015 Retreat – Priority Consideration to be Provided</b>			
<b>District</b>	<b>Neighborhood Organization</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Neighborhood Organization</b>
1	Plaza Eastway Partners, Inc.	3	Parkview Community Foundation
1	Cherry Neighborhood	3	South End Neighborhood Association
1	Colonial Village N.A.	3	Westchester Community/Precinct 81
1	Echo Hills N.A.	4	Hayden Commons
1	First Ward N.A.	4	High Land Creek Advisory Council
1	Northeast Community Partners	4	The New Hidden Valley CDC
1	Windsor Park Neighbors	5	Eastway Park/Sheffield Park N.A.
2	Brookmere H.O.A.	5	Garinger PTSA
2	Northwoods @ Coulwood H.O.A.	5	Hampshire Hills N.A.
2	Oaklawn Park Community Association	5	Idlewild Farms
2	Mallard Creek Crossing	5	Sherwood Forest Neighborhood
2	Wedgewood North H.O.A.	6	Montclair N.A.
3	Montclair South H.O.A.		

Neighborhood and business associations interested in attending should contact Liz Mitchell at [enmitchell@charlottenc.gov](mailto:enmitchell@charlottenc.gov) or 704-336-8409 by June 5.

## **Allowing Municipalities to Exceed State Minimum Stormwater Standards**

*Staff Resource: Daryl Hammock, E&PM, 704-336-2167, [dhammock@charlottenc.gov](mailto:dhammock@charlottenc.gov)*

At the Environment Committee meeting on Monday, May 18, Council Member Driggs asked staff for additional information about the importance of allowing municipalities to enact regulations that exceed State of North Carolina minimum stormwater standards. This was prompted after discussion about HB 760 under consideration in the General Assembly, which would prohibit municipalities from deviating from a set of statewide minimum standards for local stormwater ordinances. Staff has prepared the response below.

It is far less costly to prevent surface water problems than to address those problems after they occur. The state minimum stormwater standards are not adequate to address urban Piedmont stormwater challenges. Local governments need to be able to exceed the state minimum standards in order to effectively address local issues. These state minimum standards address areas in common across the state and are not intended to address local factors. The standards primarily address pollution from impervious surfaces and do not address flooding and do little to address stream erosion, one of the Piedmonts biggest problems.

There are very different landscape conditions (e.g., unique soils, climate, water quality impairments, and development patterns) across the state, and local officials need flexibility to address the stormwater challenges created by the specific conditions in their area. Coastal stormwater challenges and solutions associated with flat topography, extremely slow moving creeks and rivers, and sandy soils which infiltrate rain water quickly are very different than the challenges facing the Piedmont. The Piedmont has steeper topography, soils that aren't nearly as porous and easily erodible stream banks. These differences result in more runoff entering Piedmont drainage systems, and streams flowing much faster into more erodible streams than on the coast. Eroding stream banks result in loss of property, poor water quality, loss of habitat, and costly repairs borne by citizens and fee payers. The mountains have steeper slopes and generally less erodible soils, which results in their own unique challenges.

Additionally, urban areas face more stormwater challenges because of the large amounts of impervious surfaces built prior to any federal, state, or local regulations. Therefore, not only does each geographic region need the ability to implement stormwater ordinances, but each locality within those regions needs the flexibility to address specific community drivers.

A decade ago, city officials unanimously recognized that the state minimum standards did not address the growing water quality, stream erosion, and flooding problems. Charlotte streams were being added to the impaired waters list, resulting in more costly state and federal regulation. The number of service requests for eroded stream banks and flooding were very high and increasing. A stakeholder group comprised of developers, environmentalists, designers, apartment and commercial business organizations, citizens, and government representatives was assembled and ultimately reached consensus on a tailored local set of science-based watershed protections.

Out of that process and other local stakeholder processes, the City Council adopted ordinances that exceed the state standards. For example, additional stormwater detention requirements

address flooding and erosion of stream banks. Tree preservation requirements in stream buffers help prevent stream banks from eroding. Wider stream buffers address impaired water quality in streams throughout the city. Stormwater requirements for redeveloping sites address long-standing stressors that landed most of the city's streams on the federal impaired waters list. The city has a natural area requirement which helps reduce flooding and water quality impacts. These carefully crafted requirements provide compliance flexibility, including the availability of mitigation fees, so as not to hinder the city's economic development or create an individual hardship.

The state standards are not adequate to address urban piedmont stormwater challenges. If Charlotte is prohibited from tailoring local ordinances, flooding and stream erosion will increase and surface water quality will decline. This will directly impact residents along streams and will result in the loss of property from stream bank erosion. Decreases in water quality will result in more impaired waters subject to further state and federal regulations with less local flexibility and higher costs to fee payers. Ultimately, it will cost fee payers more to fix the damage resulting from inadequate state standards. It is far less costly to prevent problems than to address those problems after they occur.

### **2015 State Legislative Report #16**

*Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office, 704-336-2009, [dfenton@charlottenc.gov](mailto:dfenton@charlottenc.gov)*

Attached is the latest State Legislative Report. The Senate passed HB 70, technical changes to the Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System. Since it passed the Senate with no amendments, HB 70 should be ratified shortly and will be effective July 1, 2015. The Senate will start to take up the 2015 Appropriations Act next week with subcommittee meetings followed by floor debate and votes the week of June 8.



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# June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> <b>3:00pm</b> Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>4:00pm</b> Budget Straw Vote Conclusion and Council Workshop, Room 267	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Optional Council trip to Raleigh</div>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>5:00pm</b> Council Business Meeting/Budget Adoption, Room 267	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>2:00pm</b> Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280	<b>11</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>12:00pm (tentative)</b> ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>5:00pm</b> Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	<b>16</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Mayor Pro Tem Barnes Town Hall Mtg., CFD HQ – 500 Dalton Ave.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>12:00pm</b> ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">US Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA</div>	
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>2:00pm</b> City Manager's Update Meeting, Room CH-14  <b>5:00pm</b> Citizens' Forum/Council Business Meeting, Room 267	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>5:30pm</b> MTC Meeting, Room 267  <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">Chamber Inter City Visit Nashville, TN</div>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">US Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA</div>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			<div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 10px; text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">2015</div>	

# July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Independence Day Holiday</div>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 3:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 12:00pm Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280  5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 12:00pm City Manager's Evaluation, Room CH-14  5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Meeting, Room 267	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## 2015



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
M E M O R A N D U M**

May 29, 2015

**TO:** Ron Carlee, City Manager  
Ron Kimble, Deputy City Manager

**FROM:** Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

**SUBJECT:** **2015 State Legislative Report #16**

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**Trending Topics**

- Senate passed HB 70, technical changes to the Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System; since the Senate did not amend the bill, HB 70 has been enrolled and should be ratified shortly; HB 70 will become effective July 1, 2015
- Senate leadership announced their intent to pass their version of the State Budget by Thursday, June 11; subcommittees of the Senate Appropriations will be meeting next week in order to prepare the budget for floor debate and votes the week of June 8

**State Budget**

The House passed version of the **2015 Appropriations Act** ([HB 97 – Dollar, L. Johnson, McGrady and Lambeth](#)) includes the following sections of interest to the City:

- Of the projected \$400 million FY 2015 general fund surplus, \$200 million is directed to the State's rainy day fund and the remaining \$200 million to a State building repairs and renovations fund (Page 1 of Committee Report)
- Appropriates State share of funding for construction of the LYNX Blue Line Extension (\$25 million) and preserves funding for the State transit maintenance assistance program that provides funding to transit agencies, including CATS (Page 532 of Recommended Base Budget for Transportation)
- Appropriates \$40 million annually for the film and entertainment grant fund (Page L-2 of Committee Report)
- Enacts new historic preservation tax credit that was in HB 152 passed previously by House (Section 32.3)
- 2% pay increases for members of the Teachers and State Employees, Legislative, and Judicial Retirement Systems (Section 30.21)

- Appropriates \$5 million over two years for body-worn camera grant match program for local law enforcement agencies; for every grant dollar provided by the State, two dollars must be provided by the locality (Section 6.12)
- Appropriates additional \$1 million for public transportation grants (Page K-2 of Committee Report)
- Raises new revenues for State roads maintenance and port access needs of approximately \$175 million per year by increasing fees charged by the Division of Motor Vehicles by 30% effective January 1, 2016 (Section 29.30)
- Further adjust motor fuels excise tax rates by raising rate for diesel fuel from 35 cents to 36 cents per gallon and lowering rate for all other motor fuels from 35 cents to 33 cents per gallon. The net effect of the changes is to lower revenues available for transportation purposes by \$30.5 million in 2016 and \$28.7 million in 2017. Changes would be effective January 1, 2016. (Section 29.29)
- Powell Bill program that directs funding to cities for local road maintenance would be reduced by nearly \$7.7 million starting in the second year of the biennium FY 2017 due to lower motor fuels excise tax revenues. (Page K-1 of Committee Report) The fiscal impact upon the City of Charlotte in FY 2017 is approximately \$1 million.
- Appropriates \$1 billion over the biennium for the contract resurfacing program (Section 29.17A) with a proviso that \$302 million of this amount must be allocated by NCDOT on the basis of pavement conditions. (Section 29.16)
- Appropriates \$50 million as a debt service reserve if the Governor's proposed transportation bond proposal is passed by voters (Page K-26 of Committee Report)
- Committee Report can be accessed [here](#)

### **Sales Tax Redistribution**

**Sales Tax Fairness Act (SB 369 – Brown)** and **Simple and Fair Formula for Sales Tax Distribution (SB 608 – Rucho)** propose to convert local sales tax revenues to a state source of revenue that will be shared with local governments through State General Fund appropriations. The bills target the 1% Article 39, ½% Article 40 and ½% Article 42 sales taxes totaling 2%.

SB 369 will reportedly be amended to correct the inadvertent repeal of current laws regarding the Article 44 Medicaid hold harmless and sharing of revenues between counties and cities. SB 369 phases in sales and use tax changes starting in FY 2016 with full implementation scheduled for FY 2019. SB 369 calls for distributing sales and use tax revenues to counties on a per capita basis. The adjustment factors in effect for each county would be phased out starting in FY 2016.

SB 608 sets a base allocation using FY 2014 sales and use tax collections and distributes the growth in sales tax revenues above the base on a per capita basis. Each county and city would be held harmless at FY 2014 sales and use tax levels. The adjustment factors are repealed and it allows counties to distribute the revenues within their respective counties using either of the existing ad valorem or per capita methods.

## **Economic Development**

**New Historic Preservation Tax Credit ([HB 152 – Ross, Hardister, Lewis and Glazier](#) / [SB 287 – Hartsell](#))** would implement the Governor’s recommendation for reforming the historic preservation tax credit program that was allowed to lapse at the end of 2014. HB 152 passed the House on a 98-15 vote and was referred to Senate Ways & Means. HB 152 was inserted into the House budget bill, HB 97.

**NC Competes Act ([HB 117 – S. Martin, Jeter, Collins and Steinburg](#))** is the House Republican economic development incentives bill that proposes to continue the existing fuel sales tax cap for passenger air carriers by extending the sunset date from the end of 2015 to January 1, 2020, and make modifications to the Job Development Incentives Grant, One NC, and Site Infrastructure Fund programs. HB 117 passed the House and was referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Omnibus Economic Development Improvements ([HB 920 – Saine, Hamilton, R. Moore and Jeter](#))** is the House bi-partisan measure that would, among other things enact state level new market tax credits program, reenact historic rehabilitation tax credits, amend the film grant fund and low-income housing tax credit programs, and raise the cap on the Job Development Investment Grant program. HB 920 has serial referrals to House Finance and Appropriations Committees. Portions of HB 920 were incorporated into the House budget bill, HB 97.

**Job Creation and Tax Relief Act ([SB 526 – Rucho, Rabon and Tillman](#))** continues 2013 tax reform efforts by reducing personal and corporate income and franchise taxes, phasing in single sales factor apportionment for computing corporate income tax liability, and targeting more of the Job Development Investment Grant program resources to lower income communities and transformative industries. According to the sponsors, SB 526 could result in State General Fund tax relief of approximately \$1 billion. Changes to the Job Development Investment Grant program limit the percentage of Job Development Investment Grant funds awarded for projects in a major market community (Durham, Mecklenburg and Wake counties) to no more than twice the county’s share of population to the entire State. In the case of Mecklenburg County where the population is 10% of the State total, grants would be capped at 20% of all the grants that can be awarded statewide in any single calendar year. This proposal is in reaction to data showing that more than 80% of Job Development Investment Grant funds over the last two years were directed to projects in Durham, Mecklenburg and Wake Counties. New language has been added to allow the grant cap to be exceeded when a “high yield” project requires at least \$1 billion in private investment and creates 2,500 eligible positions (i.e. automotive or aerospace manufacturer) locating in a major market community. SB 526 was referred to Senate Finance.

**Economic Development / Tax Modifications ([SB 338 – Berger, Brown and Tillman](#))** include the same amendments for the Job Development Investment Grant program as SB 526. SB 338 was introduced by Senate Republicans and would reduce corporate income taxes, in addition to making the aforementioned changes to the Job Development Investment Grant program. SB 338 was referred to Senate Commerce.

## **Fiscal & Administrative**

**Exempt Builder's Inventory ([HB 168 – Hager, Millis, Brody and Collins](#) / [SB 321 – Brown, Tucker and Gunn](#))** excludes from property taxes any increase to the value of improvements made to real property held for sale by a builder for up to five years. The bills broaden the definition of a “builder” by removing the requirement that they be licensed as a general contractor under G.S. 87-1. Based upon updated guidance received from the Mecklenburg County Assessor, the bills will cause a 1.5% decline in tax value resulting in an estimate of revenue loss for the City in FY 2016 of \$5.8 million growing to \$6 million in FY 2017. HB 168 was referred to House Finance. SB 321 has serial referrals to Senate Commerce and Finance.

**DOT Condemnation Changes ([HB 127 – Stam, Jackson and Bryan](#))** would amend the “quick take” condemnation statutes that are in the General Statutes Chapter detailing NC Department of Transportation powers to award attorney’s fees in “quick take” condemnation cases where the amount of the judgment exceeds by 25% or more any deposits made more than six months before the verdict is rendered. Accordingly, any deposits made within six months of the verdict would not be considered by the Courts regardless of whether any such deposits were based on new information or the discovery process. It is believed that the legislation would cause more cases to go to trial and raise local costs for property acquisitions. Since local governments have the power to use these statutes for their own property acquisition needs, this bill impacts all local governments. HB 127 passed the House and was discussed in Senate Transportation. It was clear from the questions being asked in Senate Transportation Committee that members are skeptical of the need for the legislation. The NC Department of Transportation and NC League of Municipalities are opposed to HB 127.

**Repeal Business License Fees ([HB 739 – Brawley](#))** would remove the authority for cities to charge a regulatory user fee to businesses that are located in cities, which was intended by some cities as a replacement for the privilege license tax. HB 739 passed the House. Due to the concern that HB 739, if enacted, would repeal local authority to charge specific regulatory user fees, Representative Brawley has agreed to work with the NC League of Municipalities and City of Charlotte on language that precludes that possibility.

**Regulatory Reform Act of 2015 ([HB 760 – Millis, J. Bell and Riddell](#))** would make various regulatory changes including one that precludes the Environmental Management Commission from approving local stormwater programs that do not meet the State model stormwater management program. The City’s stormwater management program exceeds the State model due to the need to meet federal clean water mandates. The sponsor, Representative Millis, said that it was not his intent to prevent local programs from meeting federal mandates and he has agreed to form a stakeholder’s group to address this issue while the bill is in the Senate. The City is working with the NC League of Municipalities on amendments that would clarify that only State delegated stormwater programs are subject to the Commission action to meet the State model stormwater management program, not local programs such as those enacted by the City of Charlotte. HB 760 passed the House and was referred to Senate Agriculture / Environment / Natural Resources.

## **Environmental & Planning**

**Outdoor Advertising** ([HB 304 – Hager, Collins, J. Bell and Hanes](#) / [SB 320 – Brown, Rabon and Tarte](#)) preempts local authority with statewide standards with respect to the location, height and size of relocated signs and conversion to changeable message signs. The legislation appears to open the door to relocating outdoor advertising from industrially zoned areas to commercially zoned areas, notwithstanding local ordinances to the contrary, and allowing such signs to be higher and larger than those allowed under existing local ordinance. HB 304 was referred to House Commerce and Job Development and SB 320 was referred to Senate Commerce.

**Subdivision Ordinance / Land Development Changes** ([HB 721 – Bryan, Stam, Bishop and Bradford](#)) would reform performance guarantee practices. HB 721 passed the House and was referred to Senate Rules. Due to the concern that some of the language would restrict the ability of cities to use performance guarantees for repair work prior to final inspection approval, Representative Bryan is working with the City of Charlotte in considering amendments in the Senate.

**Zoning Changes / Citizen Input** ([HB 201 – Stam, Goodman, Jackson and Fraley](#)) repeals the protest petition provisions that trigger the requirement for a three-fourths vote of governing body members to approve a rezoning in the event of a qualified protest against a zoning map amendment and replaces it with a requirement for a simple majority vote for all zoning decisions. HB 201 also implements an affirmative requirement for written communications regarding all zoning cases to be submitted to governing body. HB 201 passed the House and was referred to Senate Rules.

**Zoning/Design and Aesthetic Controls** ([SB 25 – Gunn, Apodaca and Tarte](#)) passed the Senate and was referred to House Committee on Regulatory Reform. SB 25 is identical to legislation from the 2013 session ([2013 HB 150 Edition 4](#)). SB 25 specifies when local governments can apply design and aesthetic controls to structures subject to regulation under the NC Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings by exempting structures located in local historic districts, or historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places, local, State or national historic landmarks, and requirements to meet life safety codes, manufactured housing regulations, and conditions of participation in the national flood insurance program. On May 19, the Time-Warner Cable Channel 14 “Capital Tonight” program hosted a discussion on SB 25 that can be viewed [here](#).

## **Infrastructure**

**Reestablish North Carolina as the “Good Roads State” ([HB 927 – Torbett, Iler, Shepherd and Tine](#))** as introduced, would raise approximately \$500 million to \$600 million more per year starting in FY 2016 for road maintenance needs throughout the State. Revenues would be raised through across the board increases in fees, new tax on gross premiums tax on auto insurance policies, and phases out transfers of transportation revenues to the General Fund. HB 927 also reduces the motor fuels excise tax and indexes it to population growth and the consumer price index – all urban consumers, which causes a decrease in Powell Bill funding for local governments. However, another part of HB 927 appears to make up the lost funding by providing funding for municipal resurfacing projects. HB 927 received serial referrals to House Transportation, Finance and Appropriations Committees. Portions of HB 927 are in the House passed version of the 2015 Appropriations Act, HB 97.

## **Public Safety**

**Rental Registration ([HB 530 – Brawley](#) / [SB 442 – Gunn, Ford and Wade](#))** prohibits mandatory registration of all rental properties in favor of registration of only those units that meet certain crime and disorder thresholds. City currently requires all owners to register their properties so that Police can inform them of when crime occurs on the property, regardless of whether any of their properties meet the crime or disorder thresholds enumerated in the legislation. Without a database of rental properties and owners, the City will not be able to comply with its own requirement that all owners or managers be notified of crimes that occur on their properties. Legislation also prohibits local governments from imposing criminal penalties for noncompliance. Violation of the local ordinance is classified as a misdemeanor, which is only charged as a last resort for flagrant violators. By charging a misdemeanor, it triggers the judiciary to adjudicate the end result and affords due process to both the City and the owner or manager of the property. HB 530 was reported out of House Local Government and has serial referrals to the House Regulatory Reform and Finance Committees. The NC League of Municipalities is working with Representative Brawley on compromise language.

**Regulate Transportation Network Companies ([HB 680 – Brawley, Bradford, Saine and Hanes](#) / [SB 541 – Rabon](#))** provides for a Statewide regulatory regimen for transportation network companies and drivers administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles and addresses liability insurance requirements and background checks for drivers. HB 680 referred to House Commerce & Job Development and SB 541 to Senate Transportation. City staff is working with bill proponents on mutually agreeable language for Airports to contract with transportation network companies for the appropriate use of airport facilities.

### **City Requested Legislation**

**Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System ([HB 70 – Bishop, Bradford, Alexander, Bryan, Jeter and R. Moore](#))** amends the City's firefighters' retirement system legislation in accordance with the provisions of the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008, Pension Protection Act of 2006, and Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 in order to maintain conformance with the Internal Revenue Code. HB 70 passed both House and Senate and should be ratified shortly.

**Stormwater Management ([HB 141 – Jeter, Cotham, Cunningham, Bradford, Bryan, Carney, Earle and R. Moore](#))** adds statutory authority for municipalities in Mecklenburg, Wake, Durham, Forsyth and Guilford Counties to utilize the statutory authority extended to Mecklenburg and Wake Counties in 2014 to implement flood reduction techniques that result in improvements to private property. HB 141 passed the House and was referred to Senate Rules.

**Civil Service Board ([HB 143 – Bishop, Cunningham, Cotham, Bradford, Alexander, Carney, Earle, Jeter and R. Moore](#))** is local legislation amending the City Charter provisions for the Civil Service Board consistent with the City's legislative request. HB 143 passed both House and Senate and has been enacted into law (SL 2015-33).

**Street Gang Nuisance Abatement ([Part XIII of 173 – Stam, Faircloth, Glazier and Turner / SB 391 – Tarte](#))** would make amendments to the NC Street Gang Nuisance Abatement Act to authorize the Courts to extend temporary injunctions for good cause shown against criminal street gang activity. Amendments are in Part XIII of HB 173, the Omnibus Crime Control Bill, and a standalone measure SB 391 sponsored by Senator Tarte. Both bills are supported by the City of Charlotte and NC League of Municipalities while the NC Metropolitan Police Chiefs Association is in the lead lobbying position. HB 173 passed the House and was referred to Senate Rules. SB 391 passed the Senate and was referred to House Rules.

### **Metropolitan Transit Commission Requested Legislation**

**Special Assessments for Critical Infrastructure Needs Act ([SB 284 – Hartsell](#))** extends the sunset date of the Special Assessments for Critical Infrastructure Needs Act to July 1, 2020. SB 284 is supported by the Metropolitan Transit Commission and the Town of Apex. The Act allows counties and cities to form districts to finance the construction of public transportation, streets and sidewalks, parking facilities, stormwater facilities, renewable energy and many other types of infrastructure. SB 284 passed the Senate and received serial referrals to House Transportation and Finance Committees.

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<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Bill Description</b>	<b>Primary Sponsors</b>
<b>CITY LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS</b>		
<a href="#">HB 70</a> <a href="#">SB 137</a>	Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System	Bishop, Bradford, Alexander, Bryan, Jeter & R. Moore / Tarte, Ford, Jackson & Waddell
<a href="#">HB 141</a>	Stormwater Management	Jeter, Cotham, Cunningham, Bradford, Bryan, Carney, Earle & R. Moore
<a href="#">HB 143</a> <a href="#">SL 2015-33</a>	Civil Service Board	Bishop, Cunningham, Cotham, Bradford, Alexander, Carney, Earle, Jeter & R. Moore
<a href="#">HB 173</a> <a href="#">SB 391</a>	Street Gang Nuisance Abatement (language in HB 173 is in Part XIII)	Stam, Faircloth, Glazier & Turner / Tarte
<b>MTC LEGISLATIVE REQUEST</b>		
<a href="#">SB 284</a>	Special Assessments for Critical Infrastructure Needs Act	Hartsell
<b>FISCAL &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
<b>Appropriations:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 97</a>	2015 Appropriations Act	Dollar, L. Johnson, McGrady & Lambeth
<b>Economic Development:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 14</a>	Startups Act / New Market Tax Credit	R. Brown & Bryan
<a href="#">HB 89</a>	Omnibus Economic Development Improvements	Hamilton, R. Moore & Hanes
<a href="#">HB 117</a>	NC Competes Act	S. Martin, Jeter, Collins & Steinburg
<a href="#">HB 152</a> <a href="#">SB 287</a>	New Historic Preservation Tax Credit	Ross, Hardister, Lewis & Glazier / Hartsell
<a href="#">HB 171</a> <a href="#">SB 193</a>	Modify Film Grant Fund	Davis, Lewis, Saine & Iler / Lee & Rabon
<a href="#">HB 245</a>	Utilities / The Energy Freedom Act	Szoka, Dollar, McGrady & L. Johnson
<a href="#">HB 454</a> <a href="#">SB 447</a>	Energy Investment Act	Jeter, Saine, Setzer & Goodman / B. Jackson, Hartsell & Tarte

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<a href="#">HB 575</a>	Reenact Qualified Business Investment Credit	B. Brown, Saine, Jeter & S. Martin
<a href="#">HB 848</a>	Modify Utility Account	Hanes, Jeter & R. Moore
<a href="#">HB 890</a>	Attract National Headquarters to North Carolina	Hanes, Jeter & R. Moore
<a href="#">HB 907</a>	Strengthen Military in North Carolina / Mitigate BRAC Risk	Whitmire
<a href="#">HB 920</a>	Omnibus Economic Development Improvements	Saine, Hamilton, R. Moore & Jeter
<a href="#">SB 35</a>	Jumpstart Business Startups / New Market Credits	Gunn & Hise
<a href="#">SB 187</a>	Air Carrier Fuel Tax Exemption	Rabon
<a href="#">SB 202</a>	Reenact Preservation Rehab Tax Credits	Lowe
<a href="#">SB 204</a>	Reenact Film Credit	Lowe
<a href="#">SB 326</a>	Increase JDIG Program Funding	Gunn, Meredith & Apodaca
<a href="#">SB 338</a>	Economic Development / Tax Modifications	Berger, Brown & Tillman
<a href="#">SB 340</a>	Economic Development / Job Catalyst Fund	Lowe
<a href="#">SB 342</a>	Economic Development / JDIG Extension	Lowe
<a href="#">SB 372</a> <a href="#">SL 2015-11</a>	Renewable Energy Safe Harbor	Rucho, Tillman & Rabon
<a href="#">SB 472</a>	Local Incentives for Historic Rehabilitation	Rucho & Brock
<b>Elections:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 402</a>	Study Municipal Elections in Even Years	Ford
<a href="#">HB 621</a>	Public Financing of Municipal Campaigns	Insko & Fisher
<a href="#">SB 650</a>	Elections Transparency	Rabin, Tarte & Sanderson
<a href="#">HB 710</a>	Allow Special Elections in Odd-Numbered Years	G. Martin & Jackson
<b>Eminent Domain:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 3</a> <a href="#">SB 74</a>	Eminent Domain	McGrady / B. Jackson
<a href="#">HB 127</a> <a href="#">SB 425</a>	NC Department of Transportation Condemnation Changes	Stam, Jackson & Bryan / Wells, Krawiec & Daniel
<a href="#">HB 875</a>	Restrict Municipal Eminent Domain (Now Local for Ashe and Watauga Counties)	Jordan, McGrady & Hunter
<b>Employee Relations:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 274</a>	Retirement Technical Corrections Act of 2015	Gill, Bell, Elmore & Waddell
<a href="#">HB 277</a>	Retirement Administrative Changes Act of 2015	Ross, Gill, Goodman & McNeil
<a href="#">HB 419</a>	Protect Officers from Retaliation	Conrad, Avila, Dollar & Cotham
<a href="#">HB 443</a> <a href="#">SB 612</a>	Nondiscrimination in Public Employment	Luebke, Cotham, Glazier & Willingham / Van Duyn & Smith-Ingram
<a href="#">HB 605</a>	Reduce Unfair Barriers to Public Employment	R. Johnson
<a href="#">HB 612</a>	Ban the Box	Pierce, G. Graham, Willingham & Floyd

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<a href="#">HB 616</a>	Local Government Employees Retirement Cost of Living Adjustment	McNeill
<a href="#">HB 646</a>	Insurance Coverage for Autism Treatment	McGrady, Hager, Jeter & Jackson
<a href="#">HB 759</a>	Retirement System Cost of Living Allowances	L. Bell
<a href="#">HB 862</a> <a href="#">SB 3</a>	State Employees / No Payroll Deductions	Lewis / Hise
<a href="#">SB 99</a>	Definition of Firefighter	Meredith, Daniel & Newton
<a href="#">SB 676</a>	Autism Health Insurance Coverage	Apodaca & Krawiec
<b>Ethics:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 252</a>	Conflict of Interests / Certain Relationships	Glazier, Faircloth, G. Martin & Daughtry
<a href="#">HB 617</a>	Lobbyist Expenditure Reports – Transparency	Cotham & Lewis
<a href="#">HB 677</a>	State Ethics Commission Revisions	Glazier, Faircloth, Daughtry & Carney
<a href="#">HB 749</a>	Voters’ Right to Know	Cotham
<a href="#">SB 664</a>	Study / Local Government Contract Lobbyists	Apodaca
<b>Finance:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 41</a> <a href="#">SL 2015-6 /</a> <a href="#">SB 19</a>	Revenue Laws Technical Changes	Howard, Brawley, Lewis & Setzer / Rabon, Rucho & Tillman
<a href="#">HB 128</a>	Referendum for Certain Local Debt	Speciale
<a href="#">HB 168</a> <a href="#">SB 321</a>	Exempt Builders’ Inventory	Hager, Millis, Brody & Collins / Brown, Tucker & Gunn
<a href="#">HB 362</a>	Cities / Business Registration	Faircloth & Brockman
<a href="#">HB 518</a>	County Sales Tax Flexibility	Hunter, Saine, Hanes & Setzer
<a href="#">HB 739</a>	Repeal Business License Fees	Brawley
<a href="#">HB 903</a>	County Tax Flexibility / Municipal Revenue Options	Saine
<a href="#">HB 911</a>	Various Changes to the Revenues Laws	Brawley & Saine
<a href="#">HB 922</a>	Video Sweepstakes Regulation & Taxation	Malone, Fraley, Baskerville & Jeter
<a href="#">HB 929</a>	Taxpayers’ Bill of Rights	Blust, Riddell, Jones & Holloway
<a href="#">HB 934</a>	Tax Relief Act of 2015	Saine, Brawley & Szoka
<a href="#">HB 938</a>	Comprehensive Gaming Reform	Warren, Waddell, Hardister & Lambeth
<a href="#">SB 20</a> <a href="#">SL 2015-2</a>	Internal Revenue Code Update / Motor Fuels Tax Changes	Rabon, Rucho & Tillman
<a href="#">SB 246</a>	Increase Options for Local Option Sales Tax	Smith
<a href="#">SB 369</a>	Sales Tax Fairness Act	Brown
<a href="#">SB 526</a>	Job Creation and Tax Relief Act	Rucho, Rabon & Tillman
<a href="#">SB 566</a>	Disposition of Minimal Tax Refunds	Tarte

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<a href="#">SB 608</a>	Simple and Fair Formula for Sales Tax Distribution	Rucho
<a href="#">SB 700</a>	Limit Sales Tax Refunds to Nonprofits	Wells & Rucho
<b>Legal:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 156</a> <a href="#">SB 129</a>	Legal Notices / Require Internet Publication	Avila, Malone, Davis & Harrison / Sanderson, Apodaca & Hise
<a href="#">HB 348</a> <a href="#">SB 550</a>	NC Religious Freedom Restoration Act	Schaffer & Bishop / Daniel, Newton & Soucek
<a href="#">HB 405</a> <a href="#">SB 433</a>	Property Protection Act	Szoka, Whitmire, Jordan & R. Moore / Rucho, Tucker & B. Jackson
<a href="#">HB 483</a>	Land Use Regulatory Changes	Jordan
<a href="#">HB 702</a> <a href="#">SB 394</a>	Preemption Affirmation Act	Speciale / Tarte
<b>Procurement:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 783</a>	Define Locally Sourced / Public Contracts	L. Hall
<a href="#">SB 397</a>	Open & Fair Competition / Water & Wastewater	Sanderson & Rabin
<b>Public Records:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 477</a> <a href="#">SB 516</a>	Law Enforcement Officer Privacy Protection	Malone, Saine, Faircloth & McNeill / Tucker
<a href="#">HB 508</a>	Alarm Registration Information Not a Public Record	S. Martin & Farmer-Butterfield
<a href="#">HB 797</a>	Alarm Registration Information Not a Public Record	S. Martin, Farmer-Butterfield, Stam & Jones
<a href="#">SB 441</a>	Public Records – E-Mail Disclosure	Clark
<a href="#">SB 485</a>	Law Enforcement Privacy Public Web Sites	Woodard & McKissick
<a href="#">SB 553</a>	Public Records / Access for NC Residents Only	Daniel
<a href="#">SB 633</a>	State & Local Government Transparency Act	Brock
<a href="#">SB 699</a>	Protect Law Enforcement Officer Home Address & Other Information	McKissick
<b>Regulatory Reform:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 760</a>	Regulatory Reform Act of 2015	Millis, J. Bell & Riddell
<a href="#">HB 763</a>	Task Force on Regulatory Reform	Millis, J. Bell & Riddell
<a href="#">HB 836</a>	Local Government Regulatory Reform	Robinson, Bishop & Fraley
<a href="#">SB 453</a>	Regulatory Reform Act of 2015	Wade, Brock & B. Jackson
<a href="#">SB 617</a>	Local Government Regulatory Reform	Wade, Brock & B. Jackson
<b>Risk Management:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 482</a>	Employee Fair Classification Act	Pendleton, Blust, Szoka & Bishop
<a href="#">HB 666</a>	Worker's Compensation / Firefighters' Presumptive Cancer	Saine, Hardister, Boles & Faircloth

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<a href="#">HB 674</a> <a href="#">SB 576</a>	Fair Competition and Employee Classification Act	Glazier, G. Martin, Harrison & L. Hall / Tucker & Stein
<a href="#">HB 688</a>	Workers Compensation / Limit Benefits of High Earners	Brawley & Hager
<a href="#">HB 854</a>	Workers Compensation / Amend "Employment" and "Employer" Definitions	Wray
<a href="#">SB 15</a>	Unemployment Insurance Law Changes	Rucho
<a href="#">SB 16</a>	Unemployment Insurance Law Changes	Rucho
<a href="#">SB 694</a>	Employee Misclassification Reform	Newton, Lee & Daniel
<a href="#">SB 697</a>	Industrial Commission / Establish Prescription Drug Fee Schedule	Hise & Pate
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; PLANNING</b>		
<b>Annexation / Extraterritorial Jurisdiction:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 51</a>	Justice for Rural Citizens Act	Pittman, Speciale & Ford
<a href="#">HB 491</a>	Charlotte / Annexations	Jeter
<b>Building Codes:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 255</a> <a href="#">SB 324</a>	Building Code Regulatory Reform	Brody, Riddell, Cotham & Watford / Brock, McInnis & Clark
<a href="#">HB 635</a>	Property – List Subterranean Pipes / Plat & As-Built	Adams
<b>Environmental:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 44</a> <a href="#">SB 53</a>	Cities/Overgrown Vegetation Notice	Conrad / Krawiec
<a href="#">HB 61</a>	Land Application of Biosolids	Pittman, Ford & Speciale
<a href="#">HB 157</a> <a href="#">SL 2015-1</a>	Amend Environmental Laws	McElraft & Catlin
<a href="#">HB 304</a> <a href="#">SB 320</a>	Revisions to Outdoor Advertising Laws	Hager, Collins, J. Bell & Hanes / Brown, Rabon & Tarte
<a href="#">HB 440</a> <a href="#">SB 363</a>	Expand Outdoor Food Service at Public Events	Setzer / Hartsell
<a href="#">HB 576</a>	Amend Environmental Laws – 1	McElraft
<a href="#">HB 593</a>	Amend Environmental Laws – 2	McElraft
<a href="#">HB 613</a>	Clarify Political Sign Ordinance Authority	Brawley
<a href="#">HB 634</a>	Stormwater / Built Upon Area Clarification	Torbett
<a href="#">HB 638</a>	Capitalize on Wetland Mitigation	Millis, J. Bell & Pendleton
<a href="#">HB 639</a>	Risk Based Remediation Amendments	Millis & Adams
<a href="#">HB 656</a>	Amend Coal Ash Management Act of 2014	Harrison, Reives, Ager & Meyer
<a href="#">HB 708</a>	Preservation of Historic / Heritage Trees	Hamilton & Torbett
<a href="#">HB 732</a>	No Recovery for Coal Ash Costs	Ager
<a href="#">HB 765</a>	Environmental Technical Corrections	McElraft
<a href="#">HB 795</a>	State Environment Policy Act Reform	Torbett, Hager & Millis
<a href="#">SB 7</a>	Allow Seating for Food Stand Customers	Tillman

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<a href="#">SB 14</a> <a href="#">SL 2015-7</a>	Academic Standards / Rules Review / Coal Ash / Funds	Brown, Harrington & B. Jackson
<a href="#">SB 66</a>	Amend Environmental Laws	Brock, Cook & Wade
<a href="#">SB 552</a>	Sedimentation Control / Civil Penalty Reforms	Daniel
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 36</a> <a href="#">SB 25</a>	Zoning / Design & Aesthetic Controls	Dollar, Brawley, Jordan & Glazier / Gunn, Apodaca & Tarte
<a href="#">HB 201</a>	Zoning Changes / Citizen Input	Stam, Goodman, Jackson & Fraley
<a href="#">HB 548</a>	Zoning / Modernize & Reorganize	Bishop, Stam, Bryan & Hamilton
<a href="#">HB 721</a>	Subdivision Ordinance / Land Development Changes	Bryan, Stam, Bishop & Bradford
<a href="#">HB 799</a>	Zoning / Changes to Historic Preservation Procedures	Brody & Ager
<a href="#">SB 285</a>	Zoning / Protest Petition Changes	Woodard, Foushee & McKissick
<a href="#">SB 300</a>	Zoning Changes / Majority Rule	Wells, Lee & Smith
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
<b>General:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 268</a>	Amend Transportation Laws	Iler, Torbett, Shepard & Tine
<a href="#">HB 551</a>	DOT Sales of Unused Property	Brawley, Iler, Adams & Bishop
<b>Finance:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 203</a>	Phaseout of Fuel Tax	Jeter, Dobson, B. Brown & Szoka
<a href="#">HB 874</a>	Cities / Availability Charge / Improved Property	Jordan, Ross, Setzer & Watford
<a href="#">HB 927</a>	Reestablish North Carolina as the "Good Roads" State	Torbett, Iler, Shepherd & Tine
<a href="#">SB 188</a>	Adjust Cap on Turnpike Projects	Rabon, Meredith & Ford
<a href="#">SB 500</a>	NC Infrastructure Development Act	Stein
<a href="#">SB 639</a>	Transportation Funding Bill	Tarte
<b>Planning:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 74</a>	Study Metropolitan Planning Organization and Rural Planning Organization Oversight	Floyd
<a href="#">HB 183</a>	Repeal Map Act	R. Brown, Conrad, Lambeth & Watford
<a href="#">HB 232</a>	Study / Update Bicycle Safety Laws	Whitmire, Shepard & Jeter
<a href="#">HB 645</a>	Study / No Emission Testing for Hybrid Vehicles	Floyd, C. Graham, G. Graham & R. Johnson
<a href="#">HB 672</a>	Strategic Transportation Investments and Ferry Tolling Revisions	Tine, Shepard, Mills & Torbett
<a href="#">HB 718</a>	DENR Study of Interbasin Transfer Laws	Bradford

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<a href="#">SB 364</a>	Map Act Revisions	Rabon, Meredith & Ford
<a href="#">SB 373</a>	Repeal Map Act	Krawiec, Daniel & Wells
<a href="#">SB 383</a>	Study / Fund Improvements to Interstate Highways	Rabon, Meredith & Clark
<a href="#">SB 396</a>	Limit Number of Studies by Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Rural Planning Organizations	Tarte
<a href="#">SB 581</a>	Study / Subdivision Street Maintenance	Pate
<a href="#">SB 654</a>	Map Act Clarifications	Lee
<a href="#">SB 689</a>	Public Infrastructure Oversight Commission	Hartsell
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
<b>General:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 6</a>	Autocycle Definition and Regulation	Torbett
HB 102	Utility Vehicles / Move-Over Changes	Davis
<a href="#">HB 148</a>	Insurance Required for Mopeds	Shepherd, R. Brown, Waddell & Adams
<a href="#">HB 193</a> <a href="#">SB 613</a>	Prohibit Discriminatory Profiling	R. Moore, Brockman, Farmer-Butterfield & Meyer / McKissick & Bryant
<a href="#">HB 318</a>	Protect NC Workers Act	Cleveland, Millis, Whitmire & Conrad
<a href="#">HB 328</a>	Highway Safety / Citizens Protection Act	Warren, B. Brown, Collins & Jordan
<a href="#">HB 530</a> <a href="#">SB 442</a>	Local Government / Inspections of Buildings and Structures	Brawley / Gunn, Ford & Wade
<a href="#">HB 595</a>	Military Experience / Law Enforcement Officer Certification Requirements	Whitmire, McNeill, Cleveland & G. Martin
<a href="#">HB 664</a>	Safer Communities	Brawley, McNeill & Saine
<a href="#">HB 827</a>	Alcohol Consumption & Overcrowding / Clubs	Faircloth, Blust, Brockman & R. Johnson
<b>Animal Control:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 159</a>	Regulate Commercial Dog Breeders	Saine, McGrady, Catlin, & Harrison
<a href="#">HB 271</a>	Amend Dangerous Dog Law	R. Moore, Alexander, Lucas & Tine
<a href="#">HB 460</a>	Reporting of Animal Incidents	Warren
<a href="#">HB 553</a>	Ordinances Regulating Animals	McGrady, Whitmire, Langdon & Dixon
<a href="#">HB 554</a>	Protect Public from Dangerous Wild Animals	McGrady, Hurley, Hardister & Saine
<a href="#">HB 751</a>	No Breed Specific Dog Laws	Wray
<a href="#">SB 314</a>	Reform Abandoned Livestock Procedures	Woodard & McKissick
<b>Criminal Law:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 449</a>	Strengthen Law Enforcement Access/Domestic Violence Crimes	R. Moore, Fisher & Alexander

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<a href="#">HB 479</a>	Auto Salvage Dealer Protection Act	Pittman, Speciale, Ford & Saine
<a href="#">SB 520</a>	Amend Indecent Exposure Law	B. Jackson
<a href="#">HB 552</a>	Graffiti Vandalism	McGrady, Glazier, B. Brown & J. Bell
<a href="#">HB 565</a>	Threaten Law Enforcement Officer or Correctional Officer	Faircloth, McNeill, Hurley & G. Graham
<a href="#">SB 310</a>	Domestic Violence / Bail & Aggravating Factor	Daniel & Stein
<a href="#">SB 391</a>	Enjoin Street Gang / Expires in Three Years	Tarte
<a href="#">SB 432</a>	Electronic Pawn and Metals Database	Randleman
<b>Firearms:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 562</a>	Amend Firearms Laws	Schaffer, Burr, Cleveland & Faircloth
<a href="#">HB 563</a>	Strengthen Firearms Background Checks	Schaffer, Faircloth, Burr & Cleveland
<a href="#">HB 699</a>	Gun Rights & Privacy Act	Pittman & Speciale
<a href="#">HB 725</a>	Gun Safety Act	Luebke, Harrison, Insko & R. Moore
<a href="#">HB 798</a>	Concealed Handgun Permit / Other Weapons	Cleveland, Whitmire & Faircloth
<a href="#">HB 886</a>	Second Amendment Preservation Act	Setzer & Adams
<a href="#">HB 891</a>	Handgun Permit Standardization	Adams, Cleveland, Szoka & Pendleton
<a href="#">SB 78</a> <a href="#">SL 2015-5</a>	Off-Duty Correctional Officers / Concealed and Carry	Randleman, Daniel & Newton
<a href="#">SB 212</a>	Handgun Standards for Retired Sworn Law Enforcement Officers	Tillman
<a href="#">SB 708</a>	Homeland Security Patriot Act	Tarte & Rabin
<b>Technology:</b>		
<a href="#">HB 4</a>	Clarify Unmanned Aircraft System Law	Torbett
<a href="#">HB 395</a>	Body and Dashboard Cameras / Law Enforcement	Alexander, Brockman, Floyd & Hanes
<a href="#">HB 506</a>	911 Fund Distribution	Boles
<a href="#">HB 512</a>	Amend/Clarify Back-up PSAP Requirements	S. Martin, Steinburg, Saine & B. Brown
<a href="#">HB 537</a>	Protect Law Enforcement and Community Relationships	Hanes, Alexander, Jeter & Saine
<a href="#">HB 680</a> <a href="#">SB 541</a>	Regulate Transportation Network Companies	Brawley, Bradford, Saine & Hanes / Rabon
<a href="#">HB 713</a>	Body and Dash Cam Recordings / Public Access	Faircloth, Daughtry, Boles & Hurley
<a href="#">HB 730</a>	County Provided 911 Services	Saine
<a href="#">HB 804</a>	Kelsey Smith Act	Hurley, Glazier, Schaffer & Lambeth

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<a href="#">HB 811</a>	Study / Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera	Floyd, Faircloth, Brockman & McNeill
<a href="#">HB 829</a>	Automatic License Plate Readers	B. Turner, Speciale, Hardister & Glazier
<a href="#">HB 876</a>	Cell Phone Location Tracking	Jordan, Glazier, Jeter & Brockman
<a href="#">SB 182</a>	Automatic License Plate Readers	McKissick, Barefoot & Daniel
<a href="#">SB 414</a>	Regulate Transportation Network Services	McKissick, Meredith & Rabon
<a href="#">SB 567</a>	Regulate Transportation Network Companies	Tarte
<a href="#">SB 571</a>	Expand Uses of 911 Fee	Bryant, J. Davis & Foushee
<a href="#">SB 622</a>	Unmanned Aircraft Systems / No Law Enforcement Officer Surveillance of Private Property	Krawiec