

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION

CHAPTER 51
HOUSE BILL 88

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO TO
PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT POWERS FOR THE FAIR HOUSING
ORDINANCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter III, Subchapter D of the Charter of the City of Greensboro, as set forth in Chapter 132 of the 1981 Session Laws, is amended by adding new sections following Section 3.64 to read:

"§ 3.64.1. **Enforcement.**—The appropriate commission or committee as designated by the City Council may, by ordinance of the City Council, be granted the power and authority to:

- (1) Subpoena and examine witnesses under oath or affirmation; administer oaths, compel the production of documents and any other evidence related to the matter of a complaint; and require answers to interrogatories;
- (2) Apply to the Superior Court Division of the General Court of Justice, upon the failure of any person to respond to or comply with a lawful interrogatory, request for production of documents, or subpoena, for an order requiring such person to respond or comply; and the court shall have jurisdiction to issue any order after notice to all proper parties.

"§ 3.64.2. **Complaints and other records.**—The City Council may provide that complaints filed with any commission or committee pursuant to the ordinance and the results of the commission's or committee's investigations, discovery or attempts at conciliation, in whatever form prepared and preserved, may not be subject to inspection, examination, or copying under the provisions of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

"§ 3.64.3. **Meetings.**—The City Council may provide that the provisions relating to meetings of governmental bodies, under Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, shall not apply to the activity of any commission or committee authorized to enforce the ordinance, to the extent that the commission or committee is receiving a complaint or conducting an investigation, discovery, or conciliation pertaining to a complaint filed pursuant to the ordinance."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9th day of April, 1987.