

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-127
SENATE BILL 499

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO ADOPT
ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE PARKING OR STANDING OF MOTOR
VEHICLES NEAR FIRE HYDRANTS AND FIRE STATIONS AND IN FIRE
LANES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article II of Subchapter A of Chapter VI of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, being Chapter 713 of the 1965 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new section to read:

"Section 6.26. Fire Safety Parking Regulations. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes or any other public or local laws to the contrary, the city council may adopt ordinances that prohibit parking or standing of motor vehicles within 15 feet in either direction of a fire hydrant or entrance to a fire station or within any area designated as a fire lane. Any ordinances adopted pursuant to this act may be enforced by authorized municipal authorities, including the Charlotte Fire Department, whether or not the vehicle is parked on public or private property, in the same manner that is used to enforce other parking laws and ordinances."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of June, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives