

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2724

Short Title: Chapel Hill Transit System. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko and Hackney (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Local Government II.

May 25, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL TO
2 PERMIT THE TOWN COUNCIL TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF
3 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR NEW
4 DEVELOPMENT.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Article 7 of Chapter V of the Charter of the Town of Chapel
8 Hill, being Chapter 473 of the 1975 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 936 of the
9 1985 Session Laws and Chapter 549 of the 1993 Session Laws, is amended by adding
10 the following new section to read:

11 **"Sec. 5.43. Public Transportation Payments.**

12 The Town may, by ordinance, establish a program for accepting payments in lieu of
13 transportation infrastructure improvements from applicants for development in
14 accordance with the following standards:

15 (1) Where a proposed new development in the Town or the Town's
16 extraterritorial planning jurisdiction is determined, as a result of a
17 traffic impact study, to place an increased demand on the public
18 transportation infrastructure, the Town may, as a condition of approval
19 of the proposed development, accept from the developer a payment
20 offered in support of public transit service.

21 (2) The payments provided by the developer shall be calculated to be
22 reasonably equivalent to the cost of the transit system improvements
23 required to address the impact of the new development. The ordinance
24 may allow for a combination of partial payment of funds and partial
25 construction of transportation infrastructure improvements if the
26 Council determines that a combination is in the best interest of the
27 citizens of the area to be served.

28 (3) Any payments made by a developer shall be used by the Town to
29 provide public transit capital improvements, including buses and bus

1 shelters, that will improve public transit service to the new
2 development or to provide roads or other transportation infrastructure
3 improvements that will serve the area of the new development."

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