

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 689  
SENATE BILL 684

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF DURHAM TO AUTHORIZE THE  
MAKING OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Charter of the City of Durham, being Chapter 671, 1975 Session Laws, is amended by adding the following new section:

"Section. 102.5. Emergency Repairs to Nonresidential Buildings.

(a) The City Council may, by ordinance, authorize the housing appeals board to adopt ordinances ordering the housing inspector to repair, alter, or improve any building which appears to the inspector to be especially dangerous to public safety or welfare because of, but not limited to, its liability to fire or because of bad condition of walls, overloaded floors, defective construction, decay, unsafe wiring or heating system, inadequate means of egress, or other causes. Any ordinance adopted under this section shall provide that the City Manager must approve such repairs, alterations, or improvements and that at least 72-hours notice will be given to the owner of and parties in interest in such building prior to the making of any such repairs, alterations, or improvements by the housing inspector.

(b) The amount of the cost of such repairs, alterations, or improvements shall be a lien against the real property upon which such cost was incurred, which lien shall be filed, have the same priority, and shall be collected as provided by Article 10 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of June, 1996.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives