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HOUSE BILL 684
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/15/99

Short Title: Municipalities' Tree Ordinances.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 30, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF APEX, CARY, GARNER, AND
2 MORRISVILLE TO ADOPT ORDINANCES REGULATING REMOVAL,
3 REPLACEMENT, AND PRESERVATION OF TREES AND SHRUBS WITHIN
4 THE TOWNS AND THE TOWNS' EXTRATERRITORIAL PLANNING
5 JURISDICTION.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. In order to preserve and enhance one of the most valuable natural
9 resources of the community and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, a
10 municipality may adopt ordinances to regulate the planting, removal, and preservation of
11 trees and shrubs on public and private property within the municipality. Any ordinance
12 adopted pursuant to this section shall exclude property to be developed for single-family
13 or duplex residential uses, and shall exclude normal forestry activities conducted pursuant
14 to a forestry management plan prepared by a forester registered pursuant to Chapter 89B
15 of the General Statutes.

16 Section 2. Prior to adopting an ordinance authorized by Section 1 of this act, a
17 public hearing shall be held before the municipality's governing board. Notice of the
18 hearing shall be given in accordance with G.S. 160A-364.

1 Section 3. This act shall apply only to the Towns of Apex, Cary, Garner, and
2 Morrisville and to the areas within those towns' extraterritorial planning jurisdiction
3 under Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.

4 Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.