

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

**SENATE BILL 503
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DURHAM TO GRANT THE CITY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE THE CITY'S MINORITY OR WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REQUIREMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR CITY CONTRACTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 84.1 of the Charter of the City of Durham, being Chapter 671 of the 1975 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 474 of the 1983 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 84.1. **Minority or Women's Business Enterprise Requirements.**

(a) The City Council may establish, agree to and/or comply with minimum minority and/or women's business enterprise participation requirements in projects financed by public funds to ensure equal employment opportunities and/or to redress past discrimination, by including such minimum requirements in the specifications for contracts to perform all or part of such projects and awarding bids pursuant to G.S. 143-129 and G.S. 143- 131, if applicable, to the lowest responsible bidder or bidder meeting these and other specifications.

(b) The City Council may delegate to the City Manager or his or her designee the authority to carry out requirements established under subsection (a) of this section in the specifications for contracts to perform all or part of any projects financed by public funds and to award bids to the lowest responsible bidders meeting these and other specifications."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 25th day of June, 2009.

Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

