



*City of* **GREENSBORO** *North Carolina*

# 2015 Legislative Agenda

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# City of Greensboro

## *1. Preserve Historic Tax Credits*

- Under the North Carolina tax credit program, commercial developers would receive a 20 percent credit and residential developers receive a 30 percent credit on all expenditures. This tax credit expired January 1, 2015.

## *2. Expand Autism coverage*

- Support legislation for Autism Spectrum Disorder coverage by requiring insurance policies in the state to cover diagnosis and treatment of this disorder.

## *3. Redistribution of Sales Taxes*

- Greensboro supports maintaining the current equitable level of sales tax distribution and opposes efforts to reduce urban sales tax receipts.

## *4. Police Review Board*

- Amend local legislation that currently enables a “subcommittee” of the Human Relations Commission to view confidential police records to provide the proposed independent Police Review Board this power.



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## *5. Presumptive Disability for Firemen*

- Seek recognition that a disability can arise from a series of harmful exposures, not just a single event or accident. Presumptive Disability allows for a disability claim to be made because of cumulative effects of exposure to toxins or pollutants.

## *6. Privilege License Revenue*

- Support legislation that restores lost privilege license revenue to the City.

## *7. Expand Medicaid*

- Support legislation that expands Medicaid in North Carolina.

## *8. Block DMV Registration for Unpaid Parking Tickets*

- Require payment of 12 month past-due parking tickets before motorist is allowed to renew vehicle registration.



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## *9. Regulate After Hours Clubs*

- Prohibit the service or consumption of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 2 a.m. and 8 a.m., at commercial establishments and private clubs which do not have an ABC license. This request is intended to curtail the operation of “2-6 clubs” in Greensboro. Many 2-6 club locations have been the sites of repeated violent crimes or other illegal conduct.

## *10. Reconfiguration of City Council*

- City Council opposes efforts in the General Assembly to reduce the number of city Council members from 9 to 7. City Council supports plans to increase terms to 4 years. Council will also consider a separate resolution on this item for immediate release to the members of the General Assembly.



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*11. Suspend or revoke an alcoholic beverage permit for two or more instances of exceeding the occupancy capacity of a premises by at least 25% of its posted occupancy capacity.*

- This legislative request seeks to deter businesses which sell alcoholic beverages from endangering their patrons by repeated overcrowded conditions, when the overcrowding is so excessive that the dangerous condition is clearly apparent.

*12. Police Body Worn Cameras*

- Clarify the definitions of criminal investigation records and personnel records and establish an appropriate method to allow victims and defendants to view footage while balancing the privacy needs of the public and the personnel rights of the police.
  - See next slide for details



# Body Worn Camera Legislation

Seek the following legislative changes to G.S. § 160A-168,  
“Privacy of Employee Personnel Records”

1. Provide the City Manager or his designee with the authority to disclose audio/video footage to a person who is involved in an interaction with a police officer and files a request to view footage by that person or their legal guardian or attorney;
2. Clarify the authority of the City Manager and Council to include the disclosure or release of information when no personnel action is taken;
3. Define “disclosure” to mean allowing a person to view and/or hear information, records or audio/video footage, and “release” to mean providing to a person a copy of information, records or audio/video footage; and



## Body Worn Camera Legislation

4. Prior to disclosing or releasing video to a third party except as evidence in court, allow redacting or obscuring BWC video that shows facial features of persons not involved in a police interaction, when the video shows a location or circumstance where the persons have a reasonable expectation of privacy.
5. If the video is to be disclosed or released to a third party, maintain a redaction log which is also publicly releasable if portions of a video are edited or deleted to redact video.
6. The City Attorney's Office also recommends that the City petition the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and Records to place BWC footage within the same retention category as dash-cam video under "Standard 9: Law Enforcement Records, Item #81 Mobile Unit Video Tapes". This retention standard provides for a Statewide 30-day retention schedule of this video. Adding BWC audio/video footage to this standard will be consistent with current State policy and will meet the need to retain BWC footage for personnel and criminal complaints. It will also reduce the cost of retaining BWC footage which is not required for any investigative purpose.



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# Greensboro Police Department

1. *Exempt City-issued mobile telephone numbers for law enforcement and other emergency personnel from public disclosure.*
- This request protects a vital communications link from calls interfering with work during emergency and priority situations. Office desk telephone numbers would continue to provide citizens a point of contact with public safety employees.



# Greensboro Partnership Legislative Agenda 2015





# Greensboro Partnership

- Priority Items:
  - Mega Site Development Funding
  - Airport Development Funding
  - Maintain Funding Schedule for Urban Loop
  - \$2M Union Square Campus Simulation Equipment Funding



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- Support Items:
  - Doctor of Nursing Practice at UNCG
  - Maintain High Point Market Funding
  - Support Best NC (Business, Education for Success and Transformation) and Continued Education Funding
  - NC Center for Aerospace Excellence
  - Support Legislation to Expand Medicaid



# NC League of Municipalities Legislative Agenda 2015 Pertinent Items





## NC League of Municipalities

1. Fair, transparent and nonpartisan methods of drawing legislative and congressional districts.
2. Amendment to the North Carolina Constitution establishing Home Rule authority for municipal governments.
3. Maximize the ability of local governments to provide high-quality services, and oppose legislation that weakens or removes local control over public assets.
4. Correct the constitutional issue within the annexation law requiring municipal construction of/payment for water and sewer lines across private property all the way to the home or structure ("Private Emoluments").
5. Oppose legalization of internet sweepstakes operations; however, if internet sweepstakes operations are legalized, support legislation that would protect the land use decision-making authority and authorize municipalities to levy taxes on said operations.



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6. Reestablish authority for city-initiated annexation of “doughnut holes,” areas of land that are completely surrounded by municipal territory, and categories of right-of-way that have been accepted for maintenance by either a city or the NCDOT and in which there are no voters.
7. Electronic legal public notices in lieu of publication in a newspaper.
8. Film incentive program and preserve the state historic tax credit.
9. Prevent municipalities from being additionally charged for services which are already funded through the payment of county property taxes.