

2017 Legislative Agenda

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City of Greensboro

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1. **Environment/Jordan Lake.** Greensboro requests the General Assembly remove the requirement to purchase nutrient offsets from the Jordan Lake rules.
2. **Collection of Parking Fines Linked to Vehicle Registration.** Greensboro seeks to collect unpaid parking tickets by linking fines to the annual vehicle registration software maintained by the DMV. Greensboro requests the authority to use such software for collection purposes.



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3. **Sales Tax Redistribution.** Greensboro supports maintaining an equitable level of sales taxes and opposes a redistribution plan that reduces urban tax receipts.
4. **State Tort Cap Reform. Study Bill:** At the State level there is a limit of \$750,000 maximum for tort claims for persons who have been wrongfully convicted and imprisoned, but there is no cap for claims against local governments. Greensboro requests a study bill to explore an expansion of this cap to include local governments.



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5. **Body Worn Cameras.** Seek amendments to Session Law 2016-88: Law Enforcement Recordings.
6. **Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction.** Request that the age of juvenile court jurisdiction be raised to 16 and 17 years olds for all crimes except for A-E felonies and traffic offenses.
7. **Repair of Nonresidential Buildings and Re-Write of Planning Statutes.** A newly created Chapter 160D would reorganize city and county planning and development statutes. One of the modifications allows a municipality to order repairs of nonresidential buildings in designated zoning districts.



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8. **Water Resources Capacity User Fees.** Greensboro joins its sister cities in requesting an amendment to 160A-314 to give municipalities the same rights as counties to charge fees in anticipation of future use, expansion, or upgrades of water-sewer infrastructure.
9. **Tuition Equity.** Support legislation that allows in-state resident status for students who are undocumented and who have attended school in North Carolina for at least three consecutive years prior to graduation and received a diploma, or have obtained a GED from North Carolina. This benefit is intended only for those students who have begun the formal process of applying for United States citizenship.



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10. **Fire Department: Search and Rescue Funds.** Greensboro Fire Department and the NC Coalition of Fire Chiefs request an appropriation of \$2,397,000 in recurring funds to be used to support the search and rescue programs as provided in Article 6 of Chapter 166A. These funds will be used by local governments to supplement the expenses to purchase and maintain equipment to ensure the viability of search and rescue services. Rep. Hardister introduced HB 189 this session to address this matter, and Greensboro requests that the General Assembly support the bill.



1. **Workforce Development.** Create a pipeline of skilled manufacturing workers by supporting apprenticeship programs and expanding recruiting efforts and training programs.
2. **MegaSite:** Activate and fund the Site Infrastructure Development Fund with \$50M to promote megasites as “site ready.”
3. **High Point Market.** Request continued funding of \$1,200,000 for transportation and \$1,755,472 for marketing and for those funds to be included in the 2017-2019 budget as recurring funds.

4. **Water Quality/Jordan Lake.** Request the continuation of two current studies and the overhaul of statewide Stormwater Basin Nutrient Management Rules. This would enable the building of multi-acre buildings in the Triad so the region can build the manufacturing sites that the 21st century requires.
5. **Aviation.** Seek continuation of planned funding and a commitment to the success of local and regional airports.
6. **Transportation.** Seek continued funding for the Greensboro Urban Loop to ensure its scheduled completion by 2020.