

City of Durham
2015 Long Session Legislative Agenda

REQUESTOR	REQUEST	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Planning Department	Amend charter to give notice of and hold public hearings on applications for initial zoning of property subject to a voluntary annexation petition <i>prior</i> to the passage of an annexation ordinance (<i>LOCAL BILL REQUEST</i>)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provides clear authority to hold public hearings on zoning map changes prior to the Council approving a voluntary annexation petition for the subject property. 2. Facilitates City Council’s 2012 resolution which directs staff to present annexation petitions and the associated initial zoning item as a consolidated public hearing 3. Current State law prohibits this 4. HB 541 in 2013 – “Durham Voluntary Annexations” 5. A rewrite of the Planning and Zoning statutes is being proposed by the N.C. Bar Association for the 2015 session, and if approved as currently written, would make this legislation unnecessary.
	Amend charter to allow City Council to annex adjacent streets and street rights-of-way directly adjacent to a property subject to a voluntary annexation petition in voluntary annexation ordinance (<i>LOCAL BILL REQUEST</i>)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annexation changes in 2011 and 2012 prohibited cities from annexing a right-of-way unless the existing City limit is directly across the street. 2. Resulted in areas of unincorporated Durham County jurisdiction abutted by property within the City of Durham 3. Impacts emergency responders – un-annexed streets is handled by County volunteer fire departments and Sheriff; while adjacent properties in City limits are address by City Fire and Police 4. Impacts street lights & sidewalks – not being installed on streets adjacent to development located within the City since NCDOT typically will not allow installation of these improvements in NCDOT street rights-of-way 5. Impacts to streets – being built to NCDOT standards rather than City standards

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REQUESTOR	REQUEST
Durham County Sheriff & Durham County Manager	Increase the penalty for offenses involving stolen firearms
Durham County Sheriff	Amend General Statute to change brake light requirements
Durham County Sheriff & Durham County Manager	Amend the General Statute to shorten the amount of time to hold and advertise unclaimed livestock
Durham County Manager on behalf of EMS Director	Require State Medicaid program to use Federal rules for determination of medical necessity for ambulance transport
Durham County Manager on behalf of Durham County Commissioners	Restoration of Historic Preservation Rehabilitation Tax Credits
Durham County Manager on behalf of Durham County Commissioners	Fully fund the Justice Reinvestment Act
Philip Azar on behalf of the Durham InterNeighborhood Council	Seek authority to install speed cameras near parks, schools and hospitals to improve traffic safety
Philip Azar on behalf of the Durham InterNeighborhood Council	Ask the Durham delegation to inquire with NCDOT about increasing the number of bike and pedestrian questions on state driving license tests and related study materials