

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 395**

Short Title: Carrboro/Housing Discrimination. (Local)

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Sponsors: Senator Kinnaird.

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Referred to: State and Local Government.

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March 5, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO TO ALLOW THE  
2 TOWN TO ADOPT ORDINANCES PROHIBITING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION ON  
3 THE BASIS OF FAMILIAL STATUS, HANDICAP, SEXUAL ORIENTATION,  
4 GENDER IDENTIFICATION, AND GENDER EXPRESSION.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 10-1 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being Chapter  
8 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

9 "Section 10-1. **Housing Discrimination.** The board of aldermen may adopt ordinances  
10 designed to ensure that all housing opportunities in the Town of Carrboro shall be equally  
11 available to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, ~~sex or sex~~, ~~national origin~~, origin,  
12 familial status, handicap, sexual orientation, gender identification, or gender expression. Such  
13 ordinances may regulate or prohibit any act, practice, activity or procedure related directly or  
14 indirectly to the sale or rental of public or private housing that affects or may tend to affect the  
15 availability or desirability of housing on an equal basis to all persons, without regard to race,  
16 color, religion, ~~sex or sex~~, ~~national origin~~, origin, familial status, handicap, sexual orientation,  
17 gender identification, or gender expression. However, ordinances adopted pursuant to the  
18 authority contained in this act shall not apply to the rental of rooms or units in dwellings  
19 containing living quarters occupied or intended to be occupied by no more than four families  
20 living independently of each other, if the owner actually maintains and occupies one of such  
21 living quarters as his residence. Any ordinance passed pursuant to this authorization may be  
22 enforced by any method authorized for enforcement of ordinances generally in G.S. 160A-175.  
23 In addition, any ordinance adopted pursuant to this authorization may provide that any person  
24 aggrieved by any act, practice, activity or procedure prohibited by such ordinance may seek  
25 equitable relief in the appropriate division of the General Court of Justice."

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

