

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

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HOUSE BILL 1604

Short Title: Greensboro Claim Settlements.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Bowie; Adams, Jones, Jeffus, Blust, and Wood.

Referred to: Local Government II.

May 20, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE GREENSBORO CITY CHARTER TO INCREASE THE
3 AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MANAGER TO SETTLE CLAIMS AGAINST THE
4 CITY FROM FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THREE HUNDRED
5 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 7.03 of the Charter of the City of Greensboro, being
8 Section 1 of Chapter 1137 of the 1959 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 686 of the
9 1961 Session Laws, Chapter 55 of the 1963 Session Laws, Chapter 213 of the 1973
10 Session Laws, Chapter 159 of the 1981 Session Laws, Chapter 4 of the 1991 Session
11 Laws, and Chapter 680 of the 1995 Session Laws, is rewritten to read:

12 **"Sec. 7.03. Settlement of claims by city manager.**

13 The city manager may settle claims against the city for: (i) personal injury or for
14 damages to property when the amount involved does not exceed the sum of three
15 hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) and does not exceed the actual loss sustained,
16 including loss of time, medical expenses, and any other expense actually incurred, and
17 (ii) the taking of property for rights-of-way in connection with public improvements
18 which the city is authorized by law to make, when the amount involved in any such
19 settlement does not exceed the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) and
20 does not exceed the actual loss sustained. Settlement of a claim by the city manager
21 pursuant to this section shall constitute a complete release of the city from any and all
22 damages sustained by the person involved in such settlement in any manner arising out
23 of the accident, occasion, or taking complained of. All such releases shall be subject to
24 the approval of the city attorney."

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