

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

**HOUSE BILL 464
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO MAKE PERMANENT AN ACT EXEMPTING THE CITY OF RALEIGH FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS WHEN LETTING CONTRACTS FOR USE AS PART OF ANY PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO TEST THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE TECHNOLOGIES, TO EXPAND THE ACT TO ALL RALEIGH PILOT PROGRAMS AIMED AT INCREASING ENERGY EFFICIENCY, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF RALEIGH AND WINSTON-SALEM TO ENTER INTO A LEASE FOR THE SITING AND OPERATION OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY FOR TWENTY YEARS WITHOUT TREATING IT AS A SALE AND WITHOUT GIVING NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of S.L. 2007-333 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 1.** The City of Raleigh may contract for apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment that will be used as part of any pilot program authorized by the City Council ~~to test the efficiency and effectiveness of light emitting diode technology for~~ aimed at increasing energy conservation efficiency without being subject to the requirements of G.S. 143-129, 143-131, and 143-132. Notwithstanding any provision of law, the City may award a contract under this section in its sole discretion. ~~The authority granted herein shall expire on July 1, 2009.~~"

SECTION 2. G.S. 160A-272 reads as rewritten:

"**§ 160A-272. Lease or rental of property.**

Any property owned by a city may be leased or rented for such terms and upon such conditions as the council may determine, but not for longer than 10 years (except as otherwise provided herein) and only if the council determines that the property will not be needed by the city for the term of the lease. In determining the term of a proposed lease, periods that may be added to the original term by options to renew or extend shall be included. Property may be rented or leased only pursuant to a resolution of the council authorizing the execution of the lease or rental agreement adopted at a regular council meeting upon 10 days' public notice. Notice shall be given by publication describing the property to be leased or rented, stating the annual rental or lease payments, and announcing the council's intent to authorize the lease or rental at its next regular meeting.

No public notice need be given for resolutions authorizing leases or rentals for terms of one year or less, and the council may delegate to the city manager or some other city administrative officer authority to lease or rent city property for terms of one year or less. Leases for terms of more than 10 years shall be treated as a sale of property and may be executed by following any of the procedures authorized for sale of real property. The council may approve a lease for the siting and operation of a renewable energy facility, as that term is defined in G.S. 62-133.8(a)(7), for a term up to 20 years without treating the lease as a sale of property and without giving notice by publication of the intended lease."

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act applies to the City of Raleigh and the City of Winston-Salem only.



SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 22nd day of June,
2009.

Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives