

Town of Carrboro Legislative Priorities – 2014-2013

Legislative Priorities – 2014 Short Session

1. Increase state transportation funds to support local and regional public transportation systems.
2. Avoid further weakening of gun control laws, especially with regard to school properties, college and university campuses, parks, and greenways.
3. Enhance the authority of municipalities to own and operate broadband systems serving citizens in unserved and underserved areas, and last-mile public-private partnerships.
4. Allow municipal rental inspection and registration programs.
5. Amend the Carrboro Town Charter to add sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to the list of bases upon which the Board of Aldermen may, by ordinance, prohibit housing discrimination.
6. The Board endorses the North Carolina League of Municipalities municipal advocacy goals for the 2014 short session (Attached), with the exception of the item relating to “expanded uses of reclaimed water such as for recycling to surface water supplies.”

Legislative Priorities – 2013 Regular Session

1. Local legislation to amend the charter to provide that vacancies in the office of alderman may be filled by either special election or appointment in accordance with general law.
2. Focus on Transit Pass through monies from the state.
3. Encourage a ban on assault weapons and high capacity magazines with support for President Obama’s gun control initiatives.
4. Actively seek to maintain local control of water allocation. The Town should continue support for Asheville’s control of their water system.
5. Local control of telecommunications, as it relates to GigU/NCNGN, local control over Greenway designs (so that Greenways are not required to be built to same standards as roads).