



# City of Greensboro

Melvin Municipal  
Office Building  
300 W. Washington Street  
Greensboro, NC 27401

## Agenda Report

File Number: 2024-168

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### Agenda Item# G.18

**Agenda Date:** 2/20/2024. **Department:** Legal

**Meeting Type:** Council Meeting **Category:** Consent Agenda

**Title:** 2024 – 168 Resolution Amending Certain City Ordinances to Comply with North Carolina Senate Bill 300 “(2nd Reading)”

**Council Priority: Place an ‘x’ in the box.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports Capital            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hub of Recreation and Entertainment               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abundance of Attainable Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Admin <u>Briefly Explain 3 word maximum</u> |

**Council District:** N/A

**Public Hearing:** Yes

**Advertising Date/By:** N/A

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**PURPOSE:**

The City of Greensboro currently has a number of City ordinances which are unenforceable due to a change in state law which requires certain language in every City ordinance that carries a criminal penalty. Certain ordinances need to be amended in order to comply with state law and so that they may be enforced. Each of those ordinances is to be amended by virtue of this Resolution.

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 1, 2021, NC Senate Bill 300 passed, decriminalizing most violations of local ordinances. Part XIII of SB300, entitled “decriminalization of certain ordinances” amended three statutes, to wit: N.C. Gen. Stat. §§153A-123, 160A-175, and 14-4.

Pursuant to these changes, N. C. Gen. Stat. §160A-175, specifically states that cities may now attach misdemeanor or infraction penalties to ordinances “only if the city specifies such in the ordinance.” Additionally, “no ordinance specifying a criminal penalty may be enacted at the meeting in which it is first introduced.”

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

*Vision Statement: “A Community with Endless Economic Opportunities and Exceptional Quality of Life.”*

N/A

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is recommended that City Council approve an ordinance to amend Chapters 4, 16, 18, 26, & 28 of the City's Code of Ordinances, pursuant to Senate Bill 300 Part XIII Decriminalization of Certain Ordinances.

## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	2024-52 Resolution Amending Certain City Ordinances to Comply with North Carolina Senate Bill 300.docx
Attachments:	- Resolution - Ordinances for Criminal Enforcement After SB 300.docx
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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