

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE BILL 608
State & Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 4/25/07**

Short Title: Durham/Refuse & Debris Ordinance.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 12, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DURHAM TO EXPEDITE REMOVAL OF
3 REFUSE AND DEBRIS, AND OVERGROWN VEGETATION, BY AMENDING
4 THE DEFINITION OF CHRONIC VIOLATOR.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of S.L. 2003-133 reads as rewritten:

7 "**SECTION 1.** A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the municipality's
8 refuse and debris ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation of
9 the ordinance, the municipality may, without further notice in the calendar year in
10 which the notice is given, take action to remedy the violation, and the expense of the
11 action shall become a lien upon the violator's property and shall be collected as unpaid
12 taxes. The initial annual notice shall be served by registered or certified mail. Under this
13 section, a chronic violator is a person who owns property whereupon, in the previous
14 calendar year, the municipality took remedial action at least ~~three~~two times under the
15 refuse and debris ordinance."

16 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 160A-200(a) reads as rewritten:

17 "(a) A municipality may notify a chronic violator of the municipality's overgrown
18 vegetation ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation of the
19 ordinance, the municipality shall, without further notice in the calendar year in which
20 notice is given, take action to remedy the violation and the expense of the action shall
21 become a lien upon the property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes. The initial
22 annual notice shall be served by registered or certified mail. A chronic violator is a
23 person who owns property whereupon, in the previous calendar year, the municipality
24 took remedial action at least ~~three~~two times under the overgrown vegetation
25 ordinance."

26 **SECTION 3.** This act applies to the City of Durham only.

27 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.