



1 "§ 160A-499.1. Uniform, nondiscriminatory program of public financing of  
2 election campaigns.

3 (a) A governing body of a city may appropriate funds for a public campaign  
4 financing program as defined in G.S. 163-278.6(17a) for city office in that city's  
5 jurisdiction if the city has held at least one public hearing on the program before  
6 adopting it and the program is approved by the State Board of Elections. The State  
7 Board of Elections shall develop guidelines for the basic components needed in a  
8 program to meet the criteria set forth in G.S. 163-278.6(17a) and shall approve a city's  
9 program that meets the criteria. Any city exercising authority under this section shall  
10 provide full notice to the county board of elections in any county in which it has  
11 territory.

12 (b) The governing body of a city appropriating funds as provided by this section  
13 shall prepare a report no later than six months after the second election in which it  
14 appropriates funds under this section that analyzes its experience in implementing a  
15 public campaign financing program by that date, including percent of candidates  
16 participating in a program, sources and amounts of funding, litigation involving a  
17 program, administrative issues, and recommendations for changes in this statute. The  
18 report shall be presented by that date to the Joint Legislative Commission on  
19 Governmental Operations, to the Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services  
20 Office, and to the committees in the House of Representatives and Senate to which  
21 election-related bills are primarily referred."

22 **SECTION 3.** This act applies to the Town of Chapel Hill only.

23 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and expires July 1,  
24 2010.