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Subject: RE: Anti-dooring ordinance

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Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Anti-dooring ordinance

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Dear Mayor and Council

North Carolina is one of a handful of states that does not have a law protecting bicyclists from dooring incidents like the one that hospitalized a local bicyclist last week. However, several cities in North Carolina have adopted 'anti-dooring' ordinances. I am writing to encourage you to introduce and adopt such an amendment to Chapel Hill's town code.

Here is Raleigh's version, which may serve as a useful example for Chapel Hill:

https://library.municode.com/nc/raleigh/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=DIVIICOGEOR_PT11TR_CH2MOVETR_ART_HMIDRRU_S11-2137LIOPMOVEDOINTR

The specific text is as follows:

Sec. 11-2137. - LIMITATION ON OPENING MOTOR VEHICLE DOORS INTO TRAFFIC.

It shall be unlawful to open the door of a motor vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless and until it is reasonably safe to do so, and can be done without interfering with the movement of other traffic, nor shall any person leave a door open on the side of a vehicle available to moving motor vehicle or bicycle traffic for a period of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Tab Combs

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