



# Chatham County, NC

## Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve a competitive bid exemption for the purchase of Taser products under N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(6).

Action Requested: Vote on a Request to Approve a competitive bid exemption for the purchase of Taser products under N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(6) and authorize the Taser non-lethal law enforcement products purchases from Taser International, or their designated distributor.

Introduction & Background: The North Carolina General Statute 143-129(e)(6) authorizes Local Governments to purchase without bidding when performance or price competition is not available, or when standardization is the over-riding consideration. Chatham County Sheriff's Department currently uses Taser non-lethal law enforcement products. In November, Lawmen's Safety Supply Inc. was identified as the only authorized distributor for North Carolina. Taser International Inc. has removed Lawmen's as a distributor.

Discussion & Analysis: Chatham County would like to standardize the Taser Products in the Sheriff's Office, and purchase from Taser International Inc. direct, or through their assigned distributor if they select one in North Carolina.

Budgetary Impact: None. The purchase of Law Enforcement Supplies has already been budgeted.

Recommendation: Motion to approve a competitive bid exemption for the purchase of Taser products under N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(6) and authorize the Taser non-lethal law enforcement products purchases from Taser International, or their designated distributor.