

Amend the Town Charter

Current

Mayor

Commissioners (6)

Non partisan

All serve two (2) year terms

All Commissioners serve at-large



Modes of elections permitted for North Carolina municipalities

GS 160A-101(6)

- All members elected at-large
- Single-member districts
- Single-member districts and at-large representatives combined (no more than half at large)
- "Weak" residence districts; nominations by all voters and election by all voters
- "Weak" residence districts and at-large representatives combined (no more than half at large)
- Half single-member districts and half "weak" residence districts, with the districts being exactly the same
- "Strong" residence districts: nominations by district voters only but election by all voters
- "Strong" residence districts and at-large representatives combined (no more than half at-large)

Drawing of district lines and apportionment of members to the districts "shall be done in all cases by the council." GS 160A-101(6)

Other Municipalities in NC

Name	Population	MEMBERS	MAYOR	BOARD	TERM	METHOD	Notes
Charlotte	845,235	11	2 Years	AL/D	2	Partisan	Seven council members are elected from districts and four are elected at large.
Raleigh	460,285	7	2 Years	AL/D	2	Majority	Five council members are elected from districts, and two are elected at large.
Greensboro	288,190	8	2 Years	AL/D	2	Primary	Five council members are elected from districts, and three are elected at large.
Durham	260,251	6	2 Years	AL/DAL	4S	Primary	Three council members are elected from residence districts, and three are elected at large.
Winston-Salem	243,026	8	4 Years	D	4	Partisan	
Fayetteville	207,583	9	2 Years	D	2	Primary	
Cary	159,006	6	4 Years	AL/D	4S	Majority	Four council members are elected from districts and two are elected at large.
Wilmington	121,150	6	2 Years	AL	4S	Plurality	
High Point	111,472	8	2 Years	AL/D	4	Primary	Six council members are elected from districts, and two are elected at large. High Point holds municipal elections in even-numbered years, rather than odd-numbered years.
Asheville	91,910	6	4 Years	AL	4S	Partisan	
Concord	90,827	7	4 Years	AL/DAL	4	Plurality	Six council members are elected from residence districts, and one is elected at large.
Greenville	89,227	6	2 Years	AL/D	2	Plurality	Five council members are elected from districts and one at large.
Gastonia	75,919	6	2 Years	DAL	4S	Plurality	
Jacksonville	75,748	6	4 Years	AL/D	4S	Plurality	Four council members are elected from districts, and two are elected at large.
Chapel Hill	59,903	8	2 Years	AL	4S	Plurality	
Huntersville	59,494	6	2 Years	AL	2	Plurality	
Rocky Mount	54,686	7	4 Years	D	4S	Majority	
Burlington	53,124	4	2 Years	AL	4	Primary	
Wilson	49,170	7	2 Years	D	2	Plurality	
Apex	48,471	5	4 Years	AL	4S	Plurality	
Kannapolis	47,276	6	4 Years	AL	4S	Plurality	

District Elections (positives)



Accountability

Geographical Fairness

Campaigning

District Elections (negatives)



Accountability

Practicality

Administration

Amendment of Charter by Referendum

POSSIBLE OPTION

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Non partisan

Four (4) Single Member Districts

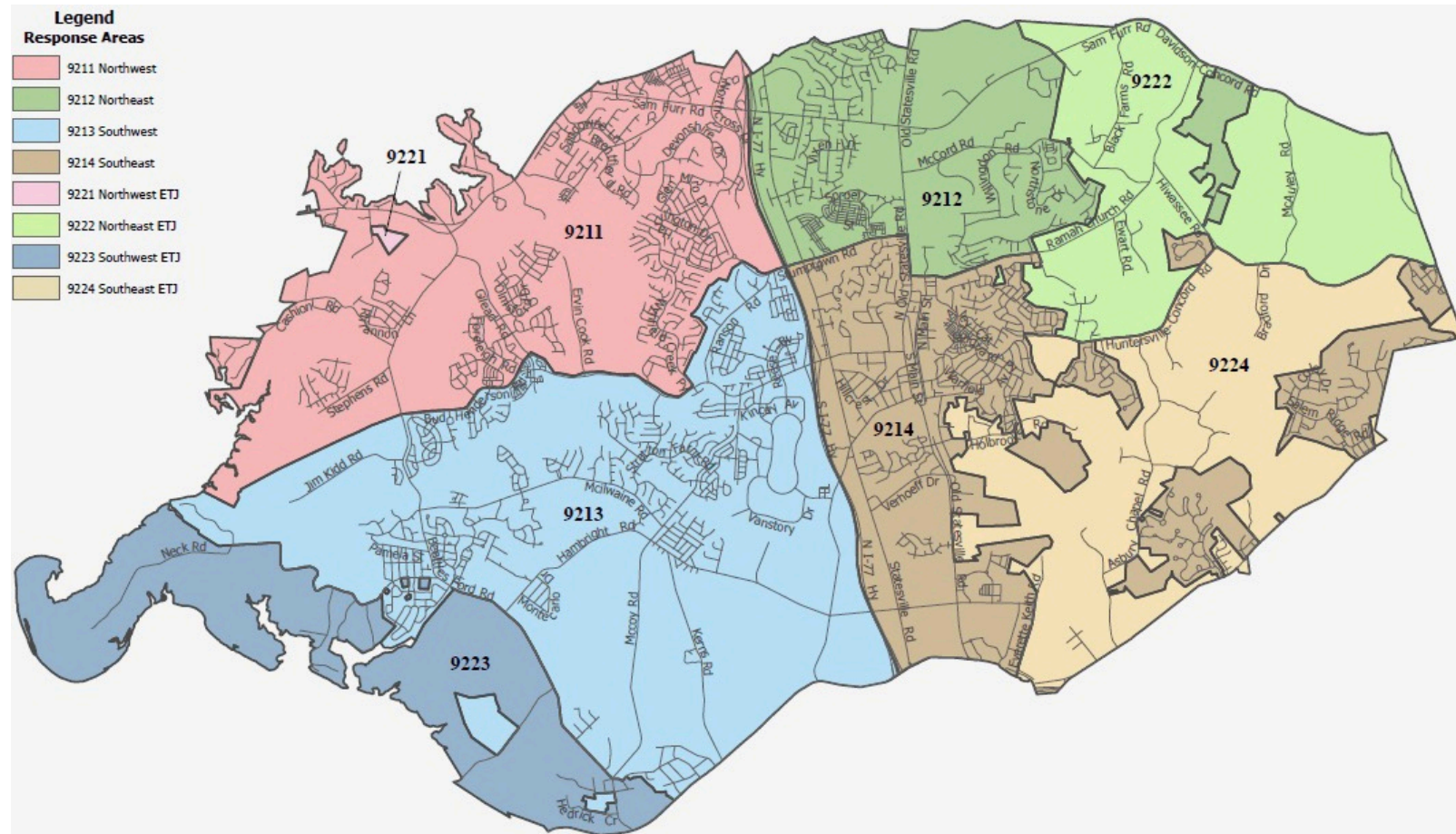
Two (2) Commissioners serve at-large

Four (4) Year Terms

Two (2) Year Staggered Terms



Example of Districts



Timeline



May 6	Adopt “Resolution of Intent” to amend Charter & set Public Hearing
June 3	Publish notice of Public Hearing (at least 10 days prior to Public Hearing)
June 17	Hold Public Hearing (w/in 45 days of “Resolution of Intent”)
July 8	Board adopts Ordinance incorporating changes subject to Referendum Set Referendum date to Nov. 5, 2019 (w/in 60 days of Public Hearing)
July 15	Publish notice of Referendum (w/in 10 days of adoption of ordinance)
August 5	Board of Elections publishes notice of Referendum (at least 45 days before referendum / Allow time for absentee voting also)
November 5	Referendum

If Referendum passes, effective for November 2021 election