

## **Section 2-2. Election of Mayor and Aldermen.**

- (a) The mayor and the aldermen shall be elected by the voters of the entire town. The mayor shall be elected for a term of two years and the aldermen shall be elected for staggered terms of four years.
- (b) The municipal elections in the Town of Carrboro shall be nonpartisan and decided by a simple plurality. No primary elections shall be held. The municipal elections shall be conducted pursuant to the applicable provisions of Chapter 163 of the North Carolina General Statutes, particularly Articles 23 and 24 thereof.
- (c) In the municipal elections to be held in 1987, and every two years thereafter, the mayor shall be elected for a term of two years. In the 1987 election (and the municipal elections held every four years thereafter), three aldermen shall be elected to fill the seats of the aldermen whose terms expire in 1987 and every four years thereafter). In the municipal elections to be held in 1989 (and every four years thereafter, three aldermen shall be elected to fill the seats of the aldermen whose terms expire in 1989 (and every four years thereafter).
- (d) In the general municipal election the candidate receiving the highest number of votes for mayor shall be elected. The three candidates in such election receiving the highest number of votes for the office of alderman shall be elected for full four-year terms.
- (e) Vacancies that occur in the office of mayor shall be filled by appointment of the board of aldermen in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 160A-63. [Added by Ch. SL 2007-270 on 07/27/2007]
- (f) Vacancies that occur on the board of aldermen (other than vacancies in the office of mayor) shall be filled by appointment of the board of aldermen in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 160A-63, except that whenever a seat on the board of aldermen (other than that of the mayor) becomes vacant at a time when one year or more of the term of office of that seat remains unexpired, the board of aldermen may instead adopt a resolution pursuant to G.S. 163-287 calling for a special election to fill such vacancy. Such an election shall not be scheduled during the time period beginning on the first Monday in July and ending on the last Monday in August in any calendar year. [Added by Ch. SL 2007-270 on 07/27/2007, Amend. By SL 2013-113 on 06/18/2013]
- (g) If the board of aldermen adopts a resolution calling for a special election to fill one or more vacant seats as provided in subsection (f) of this section, and the resolution sets as the date of such election the same date as municipal general election, then the resolution shall provide that the same filing period, filing fee, and absentee voting period that are applicable to the three seats on the board whose terms are expiring shall also apply to the special election for the vacant seat or seats. If the resolution sets as the date of such election concurrent with an

election other than the municipal general election, then the resolution shall prescribe the filing period and the filing fee. If the resolution sets as the date of such election a date other than the same date as another election, then the resolution shall prescribe the filing period, filing fee, and absentee voting period for such special election, including an alternative location for one-stop absentee voting within the corporate limits of the municipality, rather than the office of the board of elections, if no other elections are conducted within the county on the same date. [Added by Ch. SL 2007-270 on 07/27/2007, Amend. By SL 2013-113 on 06/18/2013]

- (h) Whenever a vacancy on the board of aldermen is to be filled at a general municipal election (for the remaining two years of the unexpired term of the vacant seat), then (i) candidates for the office of alderman shall file and appear on the ballot simply as candidates for election to the board (i.e. they shall not be allowed to file or appear on the ballot as a candidate for a particular vacant seat or for a four-year term or for the unexpired term of a vacant seat); and (ii) the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office of alderman shall be elected to full four-year terms, and the person receiving the fourth highest number of votes for aldermen (and, if necessary, the fifth and the sixth highest number of votes) shall be elected for the remaining two years of the unexpired term of the vacant seat or seats.[ Amend. By SL 2013-113 on 06/18/2013]