



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

A Resolution Making the Name of the Governing Board “Town Council” Effective December 3, 2019

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board to adopt a resolution making the name of the governing board of the Town of Carrboro the ‘Town Council’ because it is gender neutral.

DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk

CONTACT INFORMATION: Cathy Dorando

INFORMATION: On November 12, 2019 the Town of Carrboro Board of Aldermen held a public hearing and discussion regarding changing the name of the governing Board. The Town Charter details names that may be used by resolution of the Board of Aldermen. Town staff was directed to prepare a consent agenda item for the November 19th meeting to change the name to Town Council and for members to be referred to individually as Council Member. The resolution is attached and is effective on December 3, 2019.

Section 2-1. Governing Body.

(a) The governing body of the Town of Carrboro shall consist of a mayor and six aldermen, commissioners, councilors, or council members, as determined by resolution of the Town of Carrboro, elected as provided in Section 2-2. The governing body shall be known as the Board of Aldermen, Board of Commissioners, Board of Councilors, or Town Council, as determined by resolution of the Town of Carrboro. Whenever this Charter or any ordinance, resolution, or other document refers to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, such reference shall be deemed to refer to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, Board of Commissioners, Board of Councilors, or Town Council, as determined by resolution of the Town of Carrboro. [Amended by S.L. 1999, Ch. 255, Sec. 2].

Staff will also review all town publications and documents to make the changes throughout. Items requiring action by the elected body will be brought back at a later date.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Staff time is estimated to be around 20 hours and will require attention from all town departments.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board adopt the resolution.