



# HOUSE BILL 1091: Norwood Charter Revised & Consolidated.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 1091 would revise and consolidate the charter of the Town of Norwood in Stanly County.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The Town of Norwood was incorporated in 1881. The charter of the Town of Norwood was last revised and consolidated in 1905.

Officers for the town consist of a mayor and five Council members, all elected from the town at-large. The mayor serves a four-year term, and Council members serve staggered four-year terms. Elections are conducted on a nonpartisan basis, and the results are determined using the plurality method in G.S. 163A-1616. S.L. 2015-253 amended the charter to provide that regular municipal elections for the Town are to be held in even-numbered years, beginning with the 2018 election. In order to implement this change, the terms of the mayor and Council members were extended from four years to five years until the next even-year election in 2018 and 2020.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 1091 revises and consolidates the Charter of the Town of Norwood and expressly repeals various local acts because those acts have served their purpose or they have been consolidated into this act.

Specifically, the bill makes the following changes to the Charter:

- Reduces the Town Council from five members to four members. To implement this reduction, in 2018, two Council members would stand for election for a four-year term, and in 2020, two Council members would stand for election for a four-year term.
- Provides that the mayor would stand for election for a two-year term in 2018. In 2020, the mayor would stand for election for a four-year term.
- Provides that mayor will preside at meetings of the Council, and has the right to vote on any question or matter before the Council.
- Makes conforming changes to comply with existing General Statutes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Effective when it becomes law.

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