

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 1059
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/23/24**

Short Title: Town of Bermuda Run/Charter Amendments.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 8, 2024

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF TOWN ELECTIONS FROM NONPARTISAN PRIMARY TO NONPARTISAN PLURALITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPOINT, SUSPEND, OR REMOVE TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND TO APPOINT THE TOWN CLERK; AND TO CLARIFY REFERENDUMS FOR PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Charter of the Town of Bermuda Run, being Section 2 of S.L. 1999-94, amended by Town Resolution adopted December 9, 2008, Town Ordinance adopted September 13, 2011, and Town Ordinance adopted July 24, 2012, reads as rewritten:

"CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN.

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"CHAPTER IV.

"ELECTIONS.

"Section 4.1. **Conduct of Town Elections.** ~~Town officers~~ Officers of the Town of Bermuda Run shall be nominated and elected on a nonpartisan basis using the plurality method as provided in G.S. 163-294. ~~G.S. 163-292.~~

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"CHAPTER V.

"ADMINISTRATION.

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"Section 5.2. ~~**Officers and Employees.** The Council may appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary, and they shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. The Council shall fix all salaries, prescribe bonds, and require such oaths as they may deem necessary.~~ **Town Manager; officers and employees.** The Town Manager shall have the powers and duties prescribed in G.S. 160A-148 and the provisions of this Charter, including the power to appoint and suspend or remove all Town officers and employees not elected by the people, and whose appointment or removal is not otherwise provided for by law, except the Town Attorney, in accordance with such general personnel rules, regulations, policies, or ordinances as the Town Council may adopt.

"Section 5.3. **Town Clerk.** ~~The Council may~~ Town Manager shall appoint a Town Clerk who shall keep the records of the Town Council and perform other duties as may be required by general law or the Town Council.

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"CHAPTER VI.



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"SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

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"Section 6.2. **Property Taxes.** The Town of Bermuda Run shall not increase its property tax rates in excess of fifteen cents (\$0.15) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation without the affirmative vote or consent of a majority of the ~~residents~~ qualified voters of the Town participating in the referendum. The referendum shall be held in accordance with G.S. 160A-209(f)."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.