



**Town of Davidson
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Town Hall & Community Center Council Chamber – 251 South Street
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS / PROCLAMATION

a. Black History Month

III. CHANGES / ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

IV. QUARTERLY COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- a. Centralina Regional Council - Commissioner Autumn Rierson Michael
Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization – Mayor Knox
Lake Norman Transportation Commission – Mayor Knox
Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce - Commissioner Tracy Mattison
Brandon
Lake Norman Economic Development Corporation – Commissioner Ryan Fay
Community Capital & Bond Committee - Commissioner Autumn Rierson
Michael
Metropolitan Transit Commission - Mayor Rusty Knox
Visit Lake Norman - Commissioner Steve Justus**

V. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Leading on Opportunity**
Presenter: Tonya Jameson, Director of Civic Engagement, and AJ Calhoun, Director Research and Impact, Leading on Opportunity
Summary: The presentation will include an overview of Leading on Opportunity, latest economic mobility data and include discussion around how current Town priorities and programs support this initiative. It will also cover how Town programming aligns with current initiatives and recommendations on how the Town could further lean in via policy or by supporting organizations.
Action/Proposed Motion: This item is for discussion only.

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Historic Storytelling Committee Update

Presenter: Austin Nantz, Assistant Town Manager

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b. Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-04 Requesting North Carolina General Assembly Approve Recommended Charter Revisions for the Town of Davidson

Presenter: Jamie Justice, Town Manager

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VII. SUMMARIZE MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Town Manager will summarize items where the board has requested action items for the staff.

VIII. ADJOURN



A PROCLAMATION

National Black History Month – February 2025

WHEREAS, Black History Month reminds us of our responsibility to honor the contributions and achievements of Black Americans and their pivotal role in shaping our nation, state, and Town; and

WHEREAS, In 1926, Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History proposed a national “Negro History Week,” which was intended to showcase everything students learned about Black history throughout the school year; and

WHEREAS, Woodson chose the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass, a famed abolitionist who escaped from slavery, and President Abraham Lincoln, who formally abolished slavery; and

WHEREAS, February 1 is National Freedom Day, the anniversary of the approval of the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery in 1865; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, President Harry Truman recognized National Freedom Day and urged citizens to pause to contemplate its significance and in 1976, during the height of the civil rights movement, President Gerald Ford expanded the week into Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, The Black History Month 2025 theme, “African Americans and Labor,” focuses on the significant contributions of Black Americans to the workforce throughout history; and

WHEREAS, This year’s theme aims to recognize the often-overlooked contributions of Black and African Americans in various labor sectors; and

WHEREAS, The Black community in the Town of Davidson has a rich legacy that has not only endured, but continues to shape the social, cultural, political, and cultural fabric of the Town; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Davidson strives to close the outcome gaps for Black Americans through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Black Americans, ensure greater access and opportunity and honor history, heritage, and contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Rusty Knox and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Davidson, do hereby proclaim the Month of February 2025 as Black History Month in the Town of Davidson and encourage all residents to honor Black history and culture.

Proclaimed this 11th day of February 2025.

Rusty Knox
Mayor

Introduction

The Journey beyond 38th

The City and the power of policies to
advance economic mobility



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Agenda

Today we will focus on the power of policies to advance economic mobility

- Leading on Opportunity's history
- Mecklenburg County's progress: from 50 to 38
- Policy recommendations



Our Vision

*That **each child** has the freedom and chance to dream, pursue those dreams, & live a purposeful life –without exception.*

Our Mission

*To unite **diverse resources**, **embolden leaders** and **ignite civic imagination** toward the liberation and prosperity of the next generation.*

Our Approach

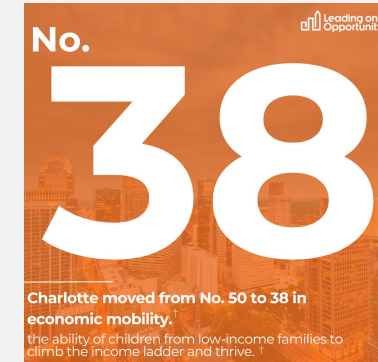
*We will do this by **advising organizations** on how to use **data** and build **cross-sector relationships** that accelerate Charlotte-Mecklenburg's progress and action toward improved economic mobility.*

Our Impact

*We will know we have succeeded when Charlotte & Mecklenburg County has the **shared commitment**, **aligned resources**, and **collective will** to make ongoing strides to improve economic mobility.*



History of Leading on Opportunity



2014

The Chetty Study

Our dead last ranking kick-starts a conversation on economic mobility

2017

Task Force Report

Civic leaders convene to envision a more equitable County

2020

Systems Strategy

LOO builds a team to catalyze action through data, strategy, and policy change

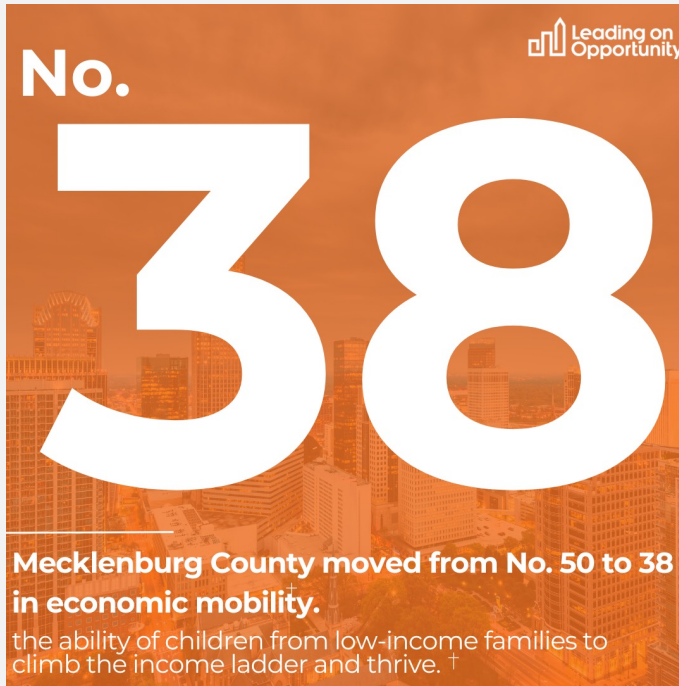
2024

No Longer Last

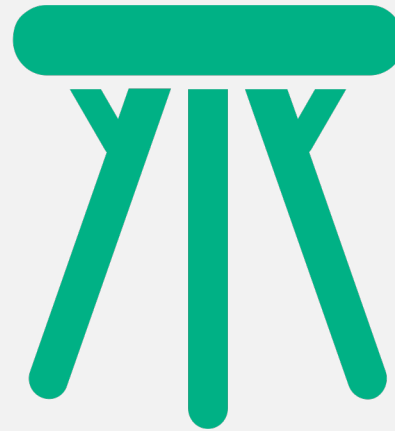
Ten years later, Char-Meck rose from 50th to 38th, becoming 3rd in progress.



We're no longer in last place



Why have we improved?



Public-Private
Partnerships

Nonprofit
Navigation

Expanding
Economy



Chetty's recommendations for policy focus

Focus on Childhood Environment



Provide opportunity-rich environments from birth to adulthood

Social Communities as Unit of Change



Target communities that have historically lacked opportunity

Invest in Social Capital



Connect those who don't have opportunity to those who do

Zooming in on Social Capital: 3 hallmarks of impact

How to identify strategies that meaningfully move the needle

1 Does this org create connections across race and class?

- Example: Freedom Communities

2 Does this org help clients navigate existing resources?

- Example: Davidson's six-month community navigator trial

3 Does this org foster long-term relationships?

- Example: Families Forward Charlotte



We analyzed 46 evidence-based strategies and 169 tactics which will be available in Compass 2.0...

	Housing & community development	13 strategies, 31 tactics	29% of tactics in use
	Financial Security	8 strategies, 24 tactics	13% of tactics in use
	Post-secondary education & workforce development	2 strategies, 4 tactics	0% of tactics in use
	Health and well-being	12 strategies, 58 tactics	2% of tactics in use
	Justice and public safety	11 strategies, 52 tactics	15% of tactics in use



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Protecting worker well-being	Helping residents balance work, health, and caring for family	Paid sick leave laws	Requires all or most employers operating within a jurisdiction to provide workers with paid time off to care for themselves or a loved one when sick	FALSE		Strong	Policy
Protecting worker well-being	Helping residents balance work, health, and caring for family	Predictable scheduling laws	Requires businesses to provide hourly workers (primarily in fast food restaurants and retail chains) with schedules at least 14 days in advance	FALSE		Strong	Policy



Where does the Compass tell us to focus: Housing

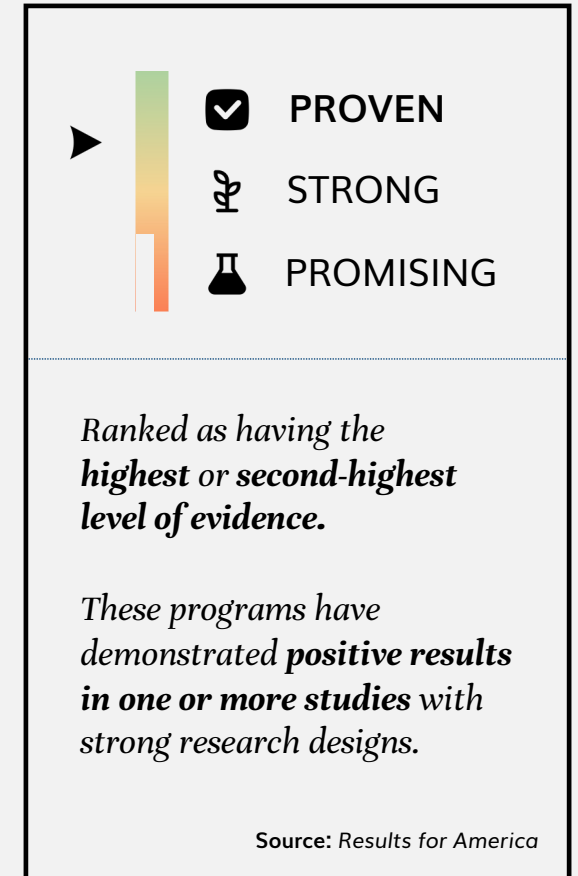


Proven & strong practices:

- **Have:** Essential Home Repair Program and Urgent Home Repair Program and Inclusionary Zoning
- **Opportunity:** Legal Representation tenants facing eviction

What would that look like:

Funding: Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy and Legal Aid NC



Where does the Compass tell us to focus:

Community Development



Practices to expand:

- **Have:** Inclusive Procurement (MWBE)
- **Have:** Mixed Use Development

What would that look like:

The town has a verifiable goal of 10% for minority participation with respect to building and construction contracts, as well as repair projects, that are in the amount of \$300,000 or more.

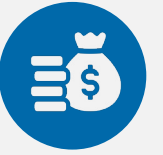
Land development approach merging distinct uses (commercial, residential, leisure) for greater density and diversity in a given geographical area

*While this strategy has not been subject to rigorous, independent evaluations, it **is widely-recognized as a best practice** among experts in the racial equity space.*

Source: Results for America



Where does the compass tell us to focus: Financial Security Wealth Building



Strong practices:

- **Opportunity:** Micro-loans for entrepreneurs
- **Opportunity:** Paycheck Plus Program

What would that look like:

State or local version of federal EITC. A refundable tax credit program of up to \$2000 for low-income adults without dependent children.



*Ranked as having the **second-highest level of evidence.***

*This ranking is assigned to programs which have demonstrated **positive results in a single study**, or in multiple studies with less rigorous research designs.*

Source: Results for America



Policy has the power to advance economic mobility in Davidson

- **Stay focused:** We are already executing on a small percentage of evidence-based recommendations.
- **Close the gap:** Opportunities range from bold (like legal representation for tenants) to nibbling on the edges (like micro-loans)
- **Policy is the best lever:** Chetty says his research is intended to inform solutions and influence policy decisions



A background image of a space shuttle launch, showing the shuttle ascending from a launch pad with a large plume of smoke and fire. The image is overlaid with a blue gradient.

Questions?

Thank You!



AGENDA MEMO

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners
From: Austin Nantz, Assistant Town Manager
Date: February 11, 2025
Re: Historic Storytelling Committee Update

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RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic Plan Alignment

Historic Preservation - Preserve the historic character of our Town, including its people, places, & stories. Honor the history of our residents through their lived experiences.

Core Values

Citizens are the heart of Davidson, so Town government will treat all people fairly, with courtesy and respect.

Davidson's historic mix of people in all income levels and ages is fundamental to our community, so Town government will encourage opportunities, services, and infrastructure that allow people of all means to live and work here.

NEXT STEPS

The committee continues their work.



Historic Storytelling

Austin Nantz
Assistant Town Manager
February 11, 2025

www.townofdavidson.org

Storytelling Committee Recent History



Preserve the historic character of our Town, including its people, places, & stories. Honor the history of our residents through their lived experiences.

Support and encourage storytelling initiatives to capture the lived experiences of residents.

- 2024-2025 Strategic Plan Item.
- Revamped Committee, post-Covid in early 2023.
- First project was to create signage for Lakeside Park neighborhood.

Storytelling Committee Members

Members:

Commissioner Tracy Mattison Brandon, Davidson resident

Mayor Pro Tem Autumn Rierson Michael, Davidson resident

Lib Wilson, Davidson resident

Daisy Raeford, Davidson resident

Marvin Brandon, Davidson resident

Ruby Houston, Davidson resident

David Beatty, Davidson resident

Staff:

Lindsay Laird, Senior Planner

Jessica Eggiman, Communications Director

Austin Nantz, Assistant Town Manager

Jamie Justice, Town Manager

Historic Lakeside Neighborhood Sign Locations



Lakeside Neighborhood Sign and Message

LAKESIDE PARK HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Davidson's first affordable neighborhood, Lakeside Park, was created through the united efforts of various segments of the Davidson community along with assistance from governmental agencies. Lakeside Park became a model for national legislation.

The first homes were built in 1967 and it has been home to many of Davidson's influential African American families for decades.

Next Steps

- Saturday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. unveiling at Griffith Street and Lakeside Drive location.
- Explore Brady's Alley history
- Committee will continue discussion on collecting oral histories and exploring plans for a Brady's Alley mural.

DISCUSSION





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Healthy, Livable, & Vibrant Community - Promote collaborative efforts to create livable spaces and healthy places to enhance quality of life for all residents.

Historic Preservation - Preserve the historic character of our Town, including its people, places, & stories. Honor the history of our residents through their lived experiences.

Operational Excellence - Provide efficient and high-quality public services and facilities through thoughtful and proactive planning, responsible stewardship of Town resources and a professional and committed workforce.

Core Values

Davidson's traditional character is that of a small, historic college town, so land planning will reflect its historic patterns of village-centered growth including connection of neighborhoods, preservation of our historic resources, conservation of rural area, and provision of public spaces.

NEXT STEPS

The Town Clerk shall submit Resolution 2025-04 to the North Carolina General Assembly for approval as required by law. The Town Clerk shall work with the General Assembly and its staff to have the Charter enacted into law. The Charter as enacted by the General Assembly shall be considered for final adoption by the Council thereafter.

Charter of the Town of Davidson (Iredell, Mecklenburg)
Chapter 281 of the Private Laws of 1891

Charter	PrL1891-281	An Act to Incorporate the Town of Davidson in Mecklenburg County.
	1957-36	Amended the Charter (no specific section) by adding language that prescribes the method of filing notice of candidacy for municipal office. *Some or all of this act may have been amended by Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.
	Ord No. 4-8-1997	The Town, pursuant to G.S. 160A-101 and G.S. 160A-102, amended the Charter (no specific section) to adopt the "council-manager" form of government.
Section 18	PrL1935-106	Amended Section 18 (Mayor's Court). *Mayor's court has been replaced by magistrate's court in the NC court system.

town for five days, and all ordinances shall go into effect from and after the expiration of five days from the time they shall have been posted.

Powers and duties of mayor and commissioners.

SEC. 43. That when not otherwise herein provided, the mayor and commissioners of said town shall have the same power and be subject to the same duties as provided by chapter sixty-two, volume two of The Code. That chapter one hundred and fifteen of the private laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and all laws heretofore passed for the better government of the town of Jacksonville be and the same are hereby repealed.

Former laws repealed.

SEC. 44. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified the 7th day of March, A. D. 1891.

CHAPTER 281.

An act to incorporate the town of Davidson in Mecklenburg county.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Incorporated.

SECTION 1. That the inhabitants of the town of Davidson shall be and continue to be, as they heretofore have been, a body politic and corporate, and henceforth the corporation shall bear the name of

Corporate name.

“The Town of Davidson,” and under such name and style is hereby invested with all the property and rights of property which now belong to the present corporation of the town of Davidson College under said name, or any other name by which it has heretofore been known, and that R. W. Shelton, mayor, S. R. Neel, W. S. Graves,

Commissioners incorporated.

J. P. Munroe, J. L. Brattain and J. W. Summers, the present commissioners of the town of Davidson College, and their successors in office, be and the same are hereby declared a body politic and corporate with succession during the corporate existence of said town of Davidson, and shall be styled “The Commissioners of the Town of Davidson,” and shall have power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and have and use a common seal, and to acquire and dispose of real and personal property to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars. That R. W. Shelton, the present mayor of said town of Davidson College, and the commissioners aforesaid, shall continue in office as mayor and commissioners of the town of Davidson and perform all the duties pertaining to their offices as such till their successors shall be elected and shall qualify as hereinafter provided.

Corporate name.

Corporate powers

Temporary mayor and commissioners.

Corporate limits.

SEC. 2. That the corporate limits of the town of Davidson shall be as follows: Beginning at the gate of the Iredell county line; thence

south seventy-one degrees east three-eighths of a mile to a stone on H. P. Helper's farm; thence south nineteen degrees west one and one-third miles to a stone; thence north seventy-one degrees west one mile to a stone on Mrs. S. J. Johnston's land; thence north nineteen degrees east one and one-third miles to a post-oak on the Iredell county line; thence with said line five-eighths of a mile to the beginning, making a rectangle one mile by one and one-third miles.

SEC. 3. That the officers of said town shall consist of a mayor and five commissioners, who shall be elected annually on the first Monday in May by the qualified voters of said town, which said officers shall hold their respective offices for one year, or till their successors are elected and shall qualify.

SEC. 4. Any person who is a qualified elector of the state of North Carolina and shall have resided in the said town sixty days next preceding the day of election shall be a qualified voter and shall be entitled to vote at any municipal election in said town.

SEC. 5. That no person, except a duly qualified elector of said town, shall be eligible as mayor or commissioner of said town.

SEC. 6. That the mayor and commissioners of said town shall form the board of commissioners or town council, and they may order an election for any purpose they may see fit and whenever they may deem necessary; a majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 7. That the mayor shall, thirty days before the first Monday in May, or thirty days before any other election, appoint a suitable person to act as registrar within the corporation of said town and the registration books shall be open at least twenty days. The town marshal shall notify said person of his appointment, and the said registrar shall at once post a notice, at as many as two public places in said town, of his appointment, and shall designate the place where he will keep the books open and the time after which the books shall be closed, and when and for what purpose the election shall be held.

SEC. 8. In all elections the polls shall be opened at any place in the corporation that may be designated by the board of commissioners.

SEC. 9. The book of registration of the voters of the town shall be furnished the poll-holders and no person shall be allowed to vote unless his name be found thereon.

SEC. 10. Any person offering to register may be required to take an oath that he is a citizen of North Carolina and has resided in the town of Davidson sixty days next preceding that date or is otherwise entitled to register, and if any person shall wilfully swear falsely in said oath he shall be guilty of perjury.

SEC. 11. That within twenty-four hours after the close of the registration for each election the registration books shall be opened for the inspection of the citizens of the town. And it shall be lawful

Officers.

Election.

Electors.

Who eligible for mayor or commissioners.

Board of commissioners. May order election.

Quorum.

Registrar.

To give notice, &c.

Where polls to be opened.

Registration

Oath of elector.

Inspection of registration book.

Challenges.	for any elector to challenge the right of any person to register or vote, and the judges of election shall decide the right of such person to register or vote.
Inspectors of election.	SEC. 12. That for the purpose of electing said officers the commissioners shall, at least twenty days before the election, appoint three inspectors who shall be qualified voters, and the inspectors, before they proceed to act, shall be sworn before the mayor or a justice of the peace to conduct the election fairly and impartially and according to law, and in the absence of any inspectors his place shall be filled by the mayor or registrar. On the day of the election the inspectors with the registrar shall duly attend the polls at the proper time, and they shall be judges of the polls, receive the votes and conduct the election in like manner and during the same hours of the day as elections for members of the general assembly.
Oath.	
Election, how held.	
Separate ballot-box.	SEC. 13. That the candidates for mayor and commissioners shall be voted for in separate boxes on a separate ballot, printed or written.
Canvass of vote.	SEC. 14. That at the close of the election the votes shall be counted by the inspectors, and such person or persons having the largest number of votes shall be duly declared elected to fill the board of commissioners, and the officers so elected shall be notified by the inspectors of their election. But if it shall be found that there is a tie between two or more persons for any office, the commissioners shall, within five days after their qualification, proceed to select out of the number of persons so tied a person or persons to fill the office or offices so left vacant. And if at any time there shall be a vacancy in the board the commissioners may fill the vacancy from among the qualified electors of the town.
Notice to officers elected. Tie vote.	
Vacancy in board of commissioners.	
Returns of election.	SEC. 15. That the inspectors shall certify and subscribe two poll-lists and return one to the clerk of the board and one to the register of deeds of the county for safe-keeping.
Oath of mayor and commissioners.	SEC. 16. That the mayor and each commissioner, after election and before entering on the duties of their offices, shall take an oath before a justice of the peace to perform the duties of mayor or commissioner for the town truly and impartially and according to their best skill, judgment and ability. And they shall hold their offices till the next election and until their successors are qualified.
Penalty for refusal of mayor or commissioner elect to qualify.	SEC. 17. That any person elected mayor or commissioner who shall refuse to qualify and act as such shall forfeit and pay to the equal use of the town and of him who shall sue therefor twenty-five dollars.
Jurisdiction of mayor.	SEC. 18. That the mayor of said town is hereby constituted an inferior court, and as such shall, within the corporate limits of said town, have all the powers, jurisdiction and authority of a justice of the peace to preserve and keep the peace, to issue process, to hear and determine all causes of action which may arise upon [under] the ordinances and regulations of the town, to enforce penalties by issuing

execution upon adjudged violations therefor and to execute the by-laws, rules and regulations made by the board of commissioners. The mayor shall further be a special court within the corporate limits of the town to arrest any and all persons who are charged with a misdemeanor for violating any ordinance of the town, and if the accused be found guilty he shall be fined at the discretion of the mayor or court, not exceeding the amount specified in the ordinance or ordinances so violated, or at the discretion of the mayor or court trying the same such offender may be imprisoned not more than thirty days in the common jail of the county or fined not exceeding fifty dollars. If the accused be dissatisfied with the judgment of the mayor or court he may appeal to the proper court in like manner as prescribed for appeals from judgments of a justice of the peace. The fees of the mayor shall be as follows: For every warrant issued by him for the recovery of any penalty, or for other cause of action, fifty cents; for every judgment rendered thereon, one dollar, to be taxed among the costs; for every warrant issued by him as mayor to apprehend an offender against the criminal laws of the state, under which he may be arrested and recognized to appear before a court of record, one dollar, to be taxed among the costs on submission or conviction of the offender; for the use of the town seal for other than town purposes, fifty cents; for every certificate for other than town purposes, twenty-five cents; for all other purposes, the same fees as are allowed to justices of the peace; and the mayor shall have power to probate conveyances in like manner as a justice of the peace and with like fees.

Appeal.

Fees of mayor.

SEC. 19. That the mayor may issue his precepts to the town marshal, who may execute the same anywhere, in Mecklenburg county, or to such other officers as a justice of the peace may direct his precepts. An endorsement by the mayor of the names of the witnesses upon a summons or warrant shall be authority for the officer to execute the same.

Mayor's precepts.

SEC. 20. That the mayor shall keep faithful minutes of the precepts issued by him and of all his judicial proceedings. The judgments rendered by him shall have all the force, virtue and validity of judgments rendered by a justice of the peace, and may be executed and enforced against the parties in the county of Mecklenburg and elsewhere in the same manner and by the same means as if the same had been rendered by a justice of the peace of Mecklenburg county.

Mayor to keep minutes.
Force of judgments.

SEC. 21. That the mayor shall keep his office in some convenient part of the town. He shall perform all the duties as shall from time to time be prescribed and when present shall preside at all meetings of the board of commissioners, and shall have the deciding vote in case of a tie, but he shall vote in no other case. If he shall be absent,

Mayor's office.
Duties.

- Mayor *pro tem.* the board may appoint one of their number *pro tempore* to exercise the duties of the mayor to act during his absence.
- Other town officers. SEC. 22. That the mayor and commissioners shall at their first regular meeting appoint a secretary and treasurer, a marshal and any other officers they may think necessary, who shall receive such compensation for their services as the board may determine.
- Board of commissioners. SEC. 23. That within five days after their election the board of commissioners shall convene for the transaction of business and shall then fix stated days of meeting for the year. A special meeting may be called by the mayor or a majority of the commissioners whenever it seems advisable. And the board may fix a fine or penalty for the non-attendance of any member thereof, and such fine or penalty shall be recovered as other fines and penalties for breaches of the town ordinances.
- Meetings.
- Penalty for non-attendance.
- Ordinances. SEC. 24. That the board when convened shall have power to make and provide for the execution thereof, such ordinances, by-laws and regulations for the better government of the town as they deem necessary: *Provided*, the same be allowed by the provisions of this act and be consistent with the laws of the state.
- Proviso.
- Powers of commissioners. SEC. 25. That among the powers hereby conferred on the board of commissioners, they may borrow money only by the consent of three-fourths of the qualified registered voters, which consent shall be obtained by a vote of the citizens of the corporation after thirty days' public notice, at which time those who consent to the same shall vote "Approved," and those not consenting shall vote "Not approved": *Provided, however*, that a majority of the registered freeholders shall vote affirmatively. They may provide water and lights, provide for the repairing and cleaning of the streets, regulate the market, take all proper means to prevent and extinguish fires, make regulations for town watchers, suppress and remove nuisances, protect the town against contagious and infectious diseases, appoint constables to execute such precepts as the mayor or other persons may lawfully direct to them, preserve the peace and order, and execute the ordinances of the town and shall appoint and provide for the pay and prescribe the duties of all such other officers as may be deemed necessary. They shall have the right to regulate the charge for the carriage of persons, baggage and freight by omnibus or other vehicle, and to issue license to omnibuses, hacks, drays or other vehicles for transportation of persons or things used for hire.
- Proviso.
- Constable and tax-collector. SEC. 26. That by virtue of his office the town constable or marshal shall be tax-collector, unless the board shall order otherwise, in which event they shall appoint some person to such office. The town tax-collector shall have the same powers and be subject to the same penalties in collecting the town taxes as sheriffs or tax collectors have in the collection of state and county taxes.
- Powers.

SEC. 27. The town constable or marshal is empowered to serve papers and make arrests anywhere in Mecklenburg county the same as within the town limits of Davidson. It shall be his duty to preserve the peace and good order of the town, and to do so he shall have power and authority to arrest, without warrant or other process, all disorderly persons or any other person or persons violating any by-law, ordinance or regulation of the town or attempting to escape; and if within the hours of seven A. M. and nine P. M., take such unruly person or persons forthwith before the mayor to answer for such violations and disorderly conduct; but if such arrest be made at other time than that above mentioned, then the person or persons so arrested shall be taken to the lock-up or jail and be safely kept till such hours on the following day, at the earliest moment, as the mayor may set for the hearing. Any person who may be so intoxicated as to be incapacitated for trial, or who may be otherwise incapacitated, shall be locked up and safely held till they have become duly sober or in a proper condition for trial. The town marshal shall do any other duties that may be prescribed by the board, who shall fix the compensation for such services.

Powers and duties of constable.

Arrest of intoxicated persons.

Compensation.

SEC. 28. That the board of commissioners shall have power to regulate the manner in which the taxes shall be collected and the property of the citizens of the town shall be listed. They may also, at their discretion, exempt any manufacturing establishments already in existence or contemplating erection from town taxation for any length of time not exceeding thirty years.

Collection of taxes, &c.

Exemptions.

SEC. 29. That in order to raise a fund for the expenses incident to the government of said town, the commissioners may annually levy and collect the following taxes, namely:

Taxation.

(1). On real and personal property, moneys, credits, investments, etc., which the owner is required to list for state and county taxes in the town, a tax not exceeding fifty cents on every hundred dollars worth of property.

Ad valorem tax.

(2). On all taxable polls, a tax equal to the present constitutional limit on all who may be resident in the town on the first day of April in each year, or who may have been so resident within sixty days next preceding that day, not exceeding one dollar-and-a-half.

Poll-tax.

SEC. 30. That in addition to those subjects above listed for taxation, the commissioners may levy a tax on the following subjects, the amount of which tax when fixed shall be collected by the tax-collector instantly, and if the same be not paid on demand it may be recovered by suit, and the articles upon which the tax is imposed, or any other property of the owner, may be forthwith distrained and sold to satisfy the same:

License taxes.

(1). On every peddler or itinerant merchant vending or offering to vend within the town, a tax not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Peddlers.

- Dogs. (2). On every dog or bitch, a tax not exceeding five dollars per head on bitches and three dollars on dogs. .
- Livery-stables, &c. (3). On each livery, feed or sale-stable, a tax not exceeding ten dollars.
- Circuses, &c. (4). On every company of circus riders who shall exhibit within the town or within two miles thereof, a tax not exceeding fifty dollars for each day, the tax to be paid before exhibition or be double.
- Theatres, &c. (5). On every person or company exhibiting in the town or within two miles thereof stage plays or theatricals, sleight-of-hand performances, rope-dancing, tumbling, wire-dancing, menageries, a tax not exceeding fifty dollars for each day.
- Artificial curiosities, &c. (6). Upon every exhibition for reward of artificial curiosities (models of useful inventions excepted) in the town or within one mile thereof, a tax not exceeding twenty-five dollars, to be paid before exhibition or be double.
- Shows, &c. (7). Upon each show or exhibition of any kind, and on each concert for reward, and on every strolling musician (except for charitable purposes), a tax not exceeding twenty dollars, to be paid before exhibition.
- Corporate powers. (8). That the town of Davidson is hereby vested with all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities enumerated in chapter sixty-two of The Code of North Carolina, entitled "Towns" not inconsistent herewith.
- Levy of taxes. SEC. 31. That as soon as the tax-list can be completed, and not later than the first Monday in August in each year, the board of commissioners shall proceed to lay the tax on such subjects of taxation as they shall determine, and shall place the tax-list in the hands of the tax-collector for collection, who shall proceed forthwith in the collection and shall complete the same on or before the first day of January next ensuing, and pay all moneys as they are collected to the treasurer.
- Collection. SEC. 32. That on the first Monday in January in each year the board of commissioners shall examine the tax-list and cause a list of the insolvents to be made out, which list the clerk of the board shall at once copy and post in two or more public places in said town.
- Insolvent taxes, list to be posted. SEC. 33. That if any person liable for taxes on subjects determined to be liable shall fail to pay them within the time prescribed for collection, the collector shall proceed forthwith to collect the same by distress and sale, after public advertisement in three public places for ten days if the property is personalty, and if real estate for twenty days; and when the tax due on any lot or other lands (which is hereby declared a lien on the same) shall remain unpaid on the first day of January, and there is no other [property] visible but such lot or land of the person whose name is listed liable to distress and sale known to the collector, he shall report the fact to the board, with a description of the real estate, and thereupon the board shall direct the same to be sold upon the premises by the collector, after adver-
- Collection by distress, &c.
- Sale of real estate for taxes.

tising as above, when the collector shall divide the said lands into as many parts as may be convenient (for which purpose he may employ a surveyor), and shall sell as many thereof as may be required to pay all taxes and expenses attendant thereon. If the same cannot be conveniently divided the collector shall sell the whole, and if no person will pay the whole of the taxes and expenses for the whole land the same shall be struck off to the town, and if not redeemed as hereinafter provided shall belong to the town in fee.

Purchase by town.

SEC. 34. That the collector shall return an account of his proceedings to the board, specifying the portions into which the land has been divided, the purchaser or purchasers thereof, with price of each, which shall be entered on the book of proceedings of the board, and if there shall be a surplus after paying said taxes and costs the same shall be paid into the town treasury subject to the demand of the owner. And the owner of any land sold under the provisions of this charter, his heirs, executors and administrators, or any person acting for them, may redeem the same within one year after sale by paying to the purchaser the sum paid by him and twenty-five per centum on the amount of taxes and expenses, and the treasurer shall refund to him without interest the proceeds less double the amount of the taxes. And if the real estate sold as aforesaid shall not be redeemed within the time specified, the corporation shall convey the same in fee to the purchaser or his agent, and the recital of [in] such conveyance or in any other conveyance of land sold for taxes due the town, that the taxes were due, as of any other matters required to be true or done before the sale might be made, shall be *prima facie* evidence that the same was true and done.

Tax-collector to make returns.

Surplus.

Redemption of land sold for taxes.

Conveyance to purchaser.

Prima facie evidence.

SEC. 35. That it shall be the duty of the treasurer to make out annually and post in some conspicuous place or places an itemized account of the receipts and disbursements on account of the town for the general inspection of the citizens; this account shall be so posted at least ten days before the first Monday in May in each year. And any board failing to cause said transcript to be so posted shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of twenty dollars on the mayor and each commissioner, said fines to be used for the benefit of the town.

Annual statement of treasurer

To be posted.

Misdemeanor.

SEC. 36. That the board shall have power to appoint a cotton weigher, make such regulations in regard to the weighing of cotton sold in said town as do not conflict with the laws of the land, and fix the amount of fees or charges for weighing cotton, not exceeding ten cents per bale. All moneys derived from this source shall be used to pay the salary of the weigher and other legitimate expenses of the cotton yard or for other purposes deemed necessary.

Weighing of cotton.

Fees.

Application of proceeds.

SEC. 37. That the mayor of said town shall have power to make all deeds for the sale of all lands sold by the town for taxes or otherwise.

Mayor to execute deeds.

Cellars.

SEC. 38. That no cellar shall be built under any sidewalk in the town or entrance established on the sidewalk to any cellar, whereby the free passage of persons may be delayed, hindered or interrupted. Any offender herein shall forfeit and pay to the town twenty dollars for every day the same remains.

Abatement of nuisances.

SEC. 39. That the board may require and compel the abatement and removal of all nuisances within the town at the expense of the person causing the same or the owner or the tenant of the grounds on which the same may be; they may also prevent the establishment within the town, and may regulate the same if allowed to be established, any slaughter-house or place or [for] the exercisc within the town of any offensive or unhealthy trade, business or employment.

Fast riding, &c.

SEC. 40. That they may prohibit and prevent the riding or driving of horses or other animals at a speed greater than six miles an hour within the town, and also the firing of guns, pistols, crackers, gunpowder or any other explosive, combustible or dangerous material in the public grounds, streets or elsewhere in the town.

Streets.

SEC. 41. That the board of commissioners of the town of Davidson shall have power whenever they may deem it necessary or to the interest of the town to lay out or open new streets, or to widen, enlarge, change, extend or discontinue any street or streets, or any part thereof, within the corporate limits of said town, and shall have full power and authority to condemn, appropriate or use any land or lands necessary for the purpose named in this section upon making reasonable compensation to the owner or owners thereof; and in case the owner or owners of the land and the commissioners cannot agree as to the damages, then the matter shall be referred to arbitrators, each party choosing one, who shall be a freeholder and citizen of said town, but if the owner or owners of the land shall refuse to choose such arbitrator within two days after notice then the board shall select one in his stead for him, and in case the two chosen aforesaid cannot agree they shall select an umpire within two days after their appointment, and if they cannot agree on the third man within said time then the board may also appoint the third man. It shall be the duty of the arbitrators aforesaid to meet on the premises or land to be condemned and assess the damages that the owner or owners may sustain by reason of such condemnation, deducting, however, from the same the estimated value of the improvement that may accrue to the premises by the opening or improvement of the street or the changing or discontinuing of the same. The owner or owners shall have at least ten days' notice of the condemnation for the purpose of appointing his arbitrator, said notice to be served by the town marshal or any other person authorized to serve notices. In case the arbitrators after the selection of the third man aforesaid cannot agree as to the damage, then the opinion of any two shall prevail and be returned as the award of the arbitrators.

Condemnation of land.

The arbitrators shall return a report of their valuation to the board of commissioners who may confirm the same, and after confirmation of the same shall cause the same to be entered on their minute book, and the said report so confirmed shall be in all respects the same as a judgment against said town, and said confirmation shall be a complete, perfect appropriation of said land or lands for said purposes: *Provided, however*, that the owner or owners if dissatisfied with the report of the arbitrators may, if the same be confirmed, appeal to the next term of the superior court of the county, where the same may be heard anew as to the amount of damages sustained, but said appeal shall not have the effect of staying the proceedings for making the desired improvement, and all damages agreed on by the commissioners or awarded by the arbitrators shall be paid as other liabilities of the town, by taxation.

SEC. 42. That the board of commissioners shall have power to cause the sidewalks to be curbed and paved and repaired whenever and in whatever manner they may deem necessary: *Provided, however*, that said commissioners shall not have power to condemn any land belonging to Davidson College without first obtaining the consent of the executive committee of said college.

SEC. 43. That any persons who shall be found to be insolvent, or who may so desire, may be allowed to work out their taxes on the streets of the town under such regulations and at such rate per day as the board shall prescribe, and all persons who may be convicted of a violation of any ordinance of the town and shall be fined or imprisoned, or shall be allowed to work out such fine or imprisonment, or both, as the board shall decide, and in whatever way and on whatever terms the board may deem suitable.

SEC. 44. That all officers who may be intrusted with the funds of the town may be required to give bond in such sum as the board may require.

SEC. 45. That the board may provide grave-yards in or near the town and regulate the same: may appoint a keeper and compel the keeping and returning of bills of mortality, and they may prohibit interments in the town.

SEC. 46. That they may provide for the establishment, organization, equipment and government of fire companies.

SEC. 47. That all penalties imposed relating to the town or by this act, by any ordinance of the town, unless otherwise provided, shall be recoverable, in the name of the town of Davidson, before the mayor or any tribunal having jurisdiction thereof.

SEC. 48. That the board of commissioners shall not have power to impose for any offence a larger penalty than fifty dollars, nor a greater fine than fifty dollars, nor longer punishment than thirty days, unless the same be expressly authorized; and from any judgment of the mayor for any fine, penalty or imprisonment which is imposed or

Appeal.

Sidewalks.

Proviso.

Insolvent taxpayers may work on streets.

Persons convicted, fined, &c., may work on streets.

Bonds.

Grave-yards.

Fire companies.

Recovery of penalties.

Limitation of penalties, &c.

- allowed to be imposed by this act, or for other causes of action herein allowed, the party dissatisfied may appeal in like manner and under the same rules and regulations as are prescribed for appeals from the judgment of [a justice of] the peace to the superior court.
- Appeal.**
- Improvements.** SEC. 49. That every imprisonment or commitment by virtue of this Proviso. charter shall be in the public jail of the county : *Provided, however,* that the mayor may, if he think proper, order the commitment to be in the town lock-up.
- Persons unable to pay fine, &c., liable to work on streets.** SEC. 50. That in all cases where judgment may be entered against any person or persons for fines or penalties according to the laws and ordinances of the town, and the person or persons against whom the same is adjudged refuses and is unable to pay such judgment, it may and shall be lawful for the mayor to order and require such person or persons so convicted to work on the streets or public works till, at fair rates of wages, such person or persons shall have worked out the full amount of judgment and all the cost of suit.
- Sale of town property.** SEC. 51. That the majority of the commissioners shall have power at all times to sell at public outcry after thirty days' notice, to the highest bidder, any property, real or personal, belonging to the town and apply the means as they think best.
- Officers failing to turn over property, &c., to successor guilty of misdemeanor.** SEC. 52. That the mayor and commissioners, tax-collector and all other officers of the town, who shall on demand fail to turn over to their successors in office the property, books, moneys, seals or effects of the town, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction before the superior court of the county shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months.
- Tax-lists under control of town authorities.** SEC. 53. All tax-lists which have been or may hereafter be placed in the hands of the tax-collector shall be at all times subject to the control of the authorities imposing the tax, or their successors in office, and shall be surrendered to the authorities for such inspection or correction, and if the tax-collector fails or refuses to surrender his list on demand, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction be subject to the penalties imposed by the preceding section: *Provided,* this act shall not go into effect until the board of county commissioners, township justices and the board of commissioners of Davidson shall come to some agreement in writing as to bridging ravines near said town and have the same spread upon the minutes of said county commissioners.
- Failure of collector to surrender tax-list a misdemeanor.** SEC. 54. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Proviso. Ratified the 7th day of March, A. D. 1891.

office of the original members elected to the Board of Education of Ashboro City Administrative Unit.

Sec. 8. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of March, 1957.

S. B. 57

CHAPTER 36

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON
IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY TO PRESCRIBE THE METHOD OF
FILING NOTICE OF CANDIDACY FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Any qualified elector of the Town of Davidson may file as a candidate for Mayor or Commissioner by formal notice of candidacy in substantially the following form:

"I, _____, hereby give notice that I am a candidate for election to the office of _____, to be voted on at the election to be held on _____, and I hereby request that my name be printed on the official ballot for such office. I also certify that I am a resident and qualified elector of the Town of Davidson, residing at _____ in said Town.

Candidate

Witness:

Date

_____,"

Sec. 2. The notice of candidacy prescribed in Section I above must be filed with the Town Clerk not earlier than sixty (60) days nor later than ten (10) days before the date of election. The Town Clerk shall preserve all such notices until expiration of the term of the office for which the candidate filed. Any candidate may withdraw his notice of candidacy not later than the last day for filing by submitting written notice of withdrawal with the Town Clerk. At the time of filing notice of candidacy, each candidate so filing shall pay to the Town Clerk a filing fee of two dollars (\$2.00). This fee shall be used to defray the costs of printing ballots and other election costs and should any candidate withdraw as provided for in this Act, his filing fee shall be forfeited.

Sec. 3. Nothing in this Act shall prevent write-in votes for any person otherwise qualified whose name does not appear on the official printed ballot because of failure to comply with the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 4. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of March, 1957.

H. B. 6**CHAPTER 37**

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 579 OF THE SESSION LAWS OF 1947 RELATING TO THE SALARIES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 579 of the Session Laws of 1947 is hereby amended by striking out lines four, five, six, seven and eight thereof and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"The members of the board of county commissioners shall receive an annual salary of nine hundred sixty dollars (\$960.00)."

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This Act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of March, 1957.

H. B. 77**CHAPTER 38**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERTFORD COUNTY TO FIX FEES CHARGED BY COUNTY OFFICERS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAID COUNTY TO FIX THE NUMBER OF SALARIED COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THE COMPENSATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The second paragraph of subsection 12(a) of G. S. 153-9, as it appears in the 1955 Supplement to the General Statutes, is amended by inserting between the word "Caldwell," and the word "Hoke", in line two of said paragraph, the word "Hertford".

Sec. 2. G. S. 153-48.5, as it appears in the 1955 Supplement to the General Statutes, is amended by inserting after the word "Graham," and before the word "Hoke", in line three of said Section, the word "Hertford".

Sec. 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of March, 1957.

accrues, and unless suit is brought within twelve months thereafter, any action thereon shall be barred."

Conflicting laws
repealed.

SEC. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This Act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 28th day of March, A.D. 1935.

S. B. 319

CHAPTER 106

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE OF THE PRIVATE LAWS OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE, RELATIVE TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE MAYOR'S COURT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Ch. 281, Private
Laws 1891,
amended, enlarg-
ing jurisdiction of
Mayor's Court of
Davidson.

SECTION 1. That Section eighteen of the Charter of the Town of Davidson as found in Chapter two hundred and eighty-one of the Private Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "Thirty Days" in the sixteenth line, and substituting in lieu thereof the words "Six Months" and by striking out the words "Fifty Dollars" in line seventeen, and substituting in lieu thereof the words "One Hundred Dollars."

Conflicting laws
repealed.

SEC. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 29th day of March, A.D. 1935.

S. B. 346

CHAPTER 107

AN ACT TO VALIDATE CERTAIN WATER-WORKS BONDS BY THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO, ORANGE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Water-works bonds
validated in Hills-
boro.

SECTION 1. That the Ordinance passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hillsboro January sixteenth, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, authorizing the issuance of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) of Water-works Bonds of said



RESOLUTION 2025-04
REQUESTING NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVE
RECOMMENDED CHARTER REVISIONS FOR THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON

WHEREAS, The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners is requesting that the North Carolina General Assembly approve Charter Revisions as attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners have received and reviewed the suggested language to amend and restate the Town Charter to modernize the same consistent with the North Carolina General Statutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve:

1. Recommend to the General Assembly the Charter amendments set forth in the attached Charter for adoption;
2. The Town Clerk shall submit the same to the North Carolina General Assembly for approval as required by law;
3. The Town Clerk shall work with the General Assembly and its staff to have the Charter enacted into law;
4. The Charter as enacted by the General Assembly shall be considered for final adoption by the Council thereafter.

Adopted and effective on the 11th day of February 2025.

Attest:

Rusty Knox
Mayor

Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk

Approved form: _____
Town Attorney

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON

AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON (IREDELL, MECKLENBURG).

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Charter of the Town of Davidson is revised and consolidated to read as follows:

"THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON.

"ARTICLE I. INCORPORATION AND CORPORATE POWERS.

"Section 1.1. **Incorporation.** The Town of Davidson shall continue to be a body politic and corporate under the name of "Town of Davidson." The term "general law" is employed herein as defined in G.S. 160A-1.

"ARTICLE II. CORPORATE BOUNDARIES.

"Section 2.1. **Corporate Powers.** The Town shall have and continue to have all of the powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities conferred and imposed on towns and cities by the general law of North Carolina.

"Section 2.2. **Corporate Boundaries.** The corporate limits of the Town of Davidson shall be and continue to be those existing at the time of the ratification of this revised Charter, and as the same may be altered from time to time in accordance with general law.

"ARTICLE III. GOVERNING BODY.

"Section 3.1. **Structuring of Governing Body.** The Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," and the Mayor shall be the governing body of the town.

"Section 3.2. **Board; Composition; Terms of Office.** Qualified voters of the entire Town shall select the Board. The Board shall be comprised of five (5) members and, beginning with the Regular election in 2025, members shall serve staggered terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Regular municipal elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in November of each odd-numbered year. In the regular 2025 election, the town could have three 2-year seats on the ballot, and two 4-year seats on the ballot. After that election, everyone (except the mayor) runs for 4-year terms. Beginning with the Regular election of 2027 and thereafter, all members whose terms have expired shall be elected for and serve 4-year terms.

"Section 3.3. **Mayor; Term of Office; Duties.** The Mayor shall serve for a term of two years. The Mayor shall be the official head of the Town government and shall preside at meetings of the Board. The Mayor shall have the right to vote only when there is an equal division on any question or matter before the Board and shall exercise the powers and duties conferred by law and as directed by the Board.

"Section 3.4. **Mayor Pro Tempore.** In accordance with general law, the Board shall elect one of its members to act as Mayor Pro Tempore to perform the duties of the Mayor during the Mayor's absence or disability.

"Section 3.5. **Meetings.** Following general law, the Board shall establish a suitable time and place for its regular meetings. Special and emergency meetings may be held as provided by general law.

"Section 3.6. **Quorum; Voting.** Official actions of the Board and all votes shall be taken in accordance with the applicable provisions of general law, particularly G.S. 160A-75. A quorum shall be a majority of the members elected to the Board present and voting.

"Section 3.7. **Compensation; Qualifications for Office; Vacancies.** The compensation, qualifications, and filling of vacancies of the Mayor and members of the Board shall be in accordance with general law.

"ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS.

"Section 4.1. **Regular Municipal Elections.** Regular municipal elections shall be held in each odd-numbered year in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina. Elections shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined by a plurality as provided in G.S. 163-292.

"Section 4.2. **Special Elections and Referenda.** Special elections and referenda may be held only as provided by general law.

"ARTICLE V. ADMINISTRATION.

"Section 5.1. **Council-Manager Form.** The Town of Davidson shall operate under a council-manager form of government as provided in Part 2 of Article 7 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.

"Section 5.2. **Town Manager.** The Board of Commissioners of the Town shall proceed to appoint a Town Manager under that Part to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

The Town Manager shall be the administrative head of the Town government, and shall be responsible to the Board for the proper administration of all affairs of the Town. The Town Manager shall have all powers and duties provided by State law. The Town Manager shall appoint and may remove all Town employees except the Town Attorney. The Town Manager shall also perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Board.

In case of conflict between this section and any provision of this Charter, or any ordinance or law inconsistent with this section, this section shall prevail to the extent of the conflict. Otherwise, this section does not amend any other provision of this Charter.

"Section 5.3. **Town Clerk.** The Board shall appoint a Town Clerk to keep a journal of the proceedings of the Board, to maintain official records and documents, to give notice of meetings, and to perform such other clerk duties required by law or as the Board may direct.

"Section 5.4. **Administrative Head Appointment.** The Town Manager may appoint other administration and department heads as permitted by Part 2 of Article 7 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, including assignment of administrative duties to the Town Clerk.

"Section 5.5. **Town Attorney.** The Board shall appoint a Town Attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina. It shall be the duty of the Town Attorney to represent the Town, advise Town officials, and perform other duties required by law or as the Board may direct.

SECTION 2. This act does not affect the terms of office of the current Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Davidson.

SECTION 3. No action or proceeding by any nature (whether civil or criminal, judicial or administrative, or otherwise) pending at the effective date of this act by or against the Town of Davidson or any of its departments or agencies shall be abated or otherwise affected by enactment of this act.

SECTION 4. The purpose of this act is to revise the Charter of the Town of Davidson and to consolidate herein certain acts concerning the property, affairs, and government of the Town.

SECTION 5. This act does not affect the following:

- (1) S.L 1999 (voluntary satellite annexations)
- (2) S.L. 1997-420 (tree ordinance).
- (3) SL1993-411(zoning requirments)
- (4) G.S. 160A-58.1(b)(5) as it applies to the Town.
- (5) G.S. 20-171.24 as it applies to the Town.

SECTION 6. All existing ordinances and resolutions of the Town of Davidson and all existing rules and regulations of departments or agencies of the Town of Davidson not

inconsistent with the provisions of this act shall continue in full force and effect until repealed, modified, or amended.

SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8. This act is effective when it becomes law. Those members of the Board serving on the date of ratification of this Charter shall complete the remainder of their terms, and their positions shall be filled as the terms expire.

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