



City of Charlotte

Mayor/Council Terms

Strategy Session
February 4, 2019

Committee Recommendations



1. Mayor and City Council transition from two-year terms to four-year terms (Vote 3:2).
2. Council initiate referendum to allow vote on transition from two-year to four-year terms (Vote 4:1).
3. Referendum should occur in line with a potential September election (Vote 5-0).
 - Based on current state law, must be held during November general election.
4. Staggered terms (Vote 5-0).

Process for Change in Terms



- Council adopts resolution of intent and sets date for public hearing.
- Published notice of intent and date of public hearing.
- Public hearing held within 45 days of resolution, and at least 10 days after published notice.



Process for Change in Terms

- Council must vote to adopt ordinance:
 - (1) within 60 days of public hearing, but not before the next regular council meeting.
 - (2) Within 70 days prior to November 5th election (no later than August 26th).
- Notice of adoption of ordinance published within 10 days.
- If subject to referendum, publish notice of election.



Calendar

Latest possible dates to implement change under 2019 Council meeting schedule:

- Vote on resolution of intent: June 10, 2019
- Public Hearing: July 22, 2019
- Vote on ordinance: August 26, 2019*

*If this date changes, the dates for voting on the resolution and holding the public hearing also change.

Referendum Ballot Language



- State statute requires that the ballot must take substantially the following form:

“Shall the ordinance (describe effect of the ordinance) be approved?

☐ YES

☐ NO”

[NCGS §160A-105]