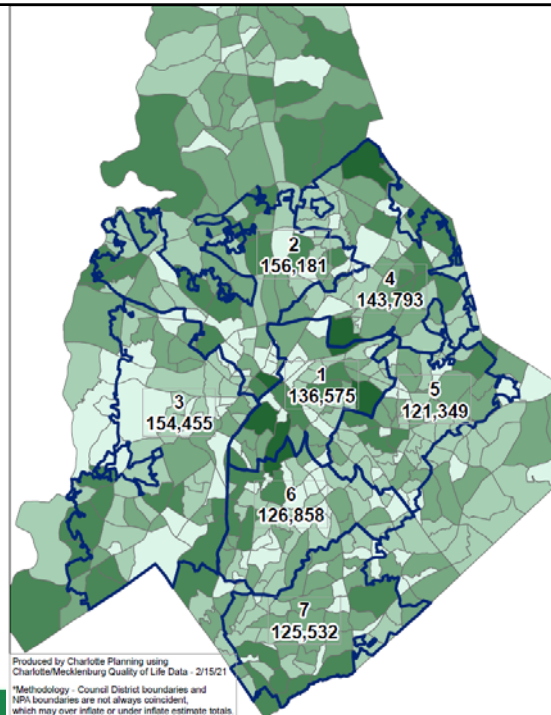
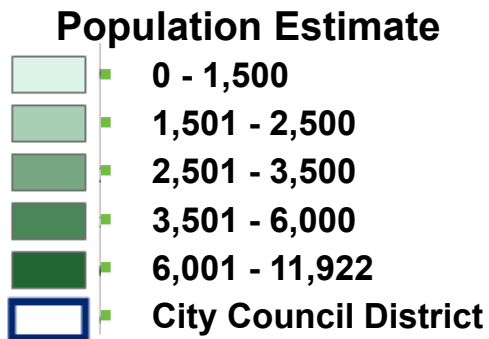




Redistricting Considerations

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2021

2018 Population Estimate by Neighborhood Profile Area (NPA)



Election Turnout for Mecklenburg County (2014 - 2020)

Presidential Elections:

2020 71.90%
2016 66.94%

Municipal Elections:

2019 17.11%
2017 21.05%
2015 14.76%

Mid-Term Elections:

2018 50.90%
2014 39.00%

Data from NC State Board of Elections website

LOCAL BOARDS USING TRUE ELECTION DISTRICTS

Boards of County Commissioners

Anson — 7 from districts
Bladen — 6 from districts, 3 at large with limited voting
Buncombe — 6 from districts, 1 at large
Caswell — 5 from districts, 2 at large
Chowan — 6 from districts, 1 at large
Columbus — 7 from districts
Craven — 7 from districts
Cumberland — 5 from districts, 2 at large
Duplin — 5 from districts
Edgecombe — 7 from districts
Forsyth — 6 from districts, 1 at large
Franklin — 5 from districts, 2 at large
Granville — 7 from districts
Guilford — 8 from districts, 1 at large
Halifax — 3 from districts, 3 at large
Harnett — 5 from districts

Jones — 7 from districts
Lee — 4 from districts, 3 at large
Lenoir — 5 from districts, 2 at large
Mecklenburg — 6 from districts, 3 at large
Montgomery — 3 from districts, 2 at large
Nash — 7 from districts
Orange — 5 from 2 districts, 2 at large
Pamlico — 5 from districts, 2 at large
Pasquotank — 4 from districts, 3 at large
Pitt — 6 from districts, 3 from combined districts
Robeson — 8 from districts
Sampson — 5 from districts
Vance — 7 from districts
Washington — 4 from districts, 1 at large
Wayne — 6 from districts, 1 at large
Wilson — 7 from districts

LOCAL BOARDS USING TRUE ELECTION DISTRICTS

City Councils

Ahoskie — 4 from districts, 1 at large
 Albemarle — 4 from districts, 3 at large
 Benson — 4 from districts, 3 at large with limited voting
 Cary — 4 from districts, 2 at large
 Charlotte — 7 from districts, 4 at large
 Clinton — 5 from districts
 Dunn — 6 from districts
 Edenton — 4 from districts, 2 at large
 Elizabeth City — 8 from districts
 Enfield — 4 from districts, 1 at large
 Fayetteville — 9 from districts
 Fremont — 6 from districts
 Goldsboro — 6 from districts
 Greensboro — 5 from districts, 3 at large
 Greenville — 5 from districts, 1 at large
 Henderson — 4 from districts, 4 at large
 High Point — 6 from districts, 2 at large
 Jacksonville — 4 from districts, 2 at large
 Kings Mountain — 5 from districts, 2 at large
 Lake Waccamaw — 4 from districts
 Laurinburg — 4 from districts, 1 at large

Lexington — 6 from districts, 2 at large
 Longview — 5 from districts
 Lumberton — 8 from districts
 Mooresville — 4 from districts, 2 at large
 Mt. Olive — 4 from districts, 1 at large
 New Bern — 6 from districts
 Plymouth — 6 from districts
 Princeville — 4 from districts
 Raleigh — 5 from districts, 2 at large
 Reidsville — 4 from districts, 2 at large
 Roanoke Rapids — 5 from districts
 Robersonville — 4 from 2-member districts, 1 at large
 Rocky Mount — 7 from districts
 St. Pauls — 4 from districts, 2 at large
 Sanford — 5 from districts, 2 at large
 Siler City — 5 from districts, 2 at large
 Smithfield — 3 from districts, 4 at large
 Statesville — 6 from districts, 2 at large
 Tarboro — 8 from districts
 Whiteville — 6 from 2 districts
 Williamston — 4 from districts, 1 at large
 Wilson — 7 from districts
 Winston-Salem — 8 from districts

LOCAL BOARDS USING TRUE ELECTION DISTRICTS

School boards

Alexander — 7 members from 4 districts
 Anson — 7 from districts, 2 at large
 Beaufort — 9 single-member districts
 Bladen — 6 from districts, 3 at large
 Caswell — 5 single-member districts, 2 at large
 Charlotte/Mecklenburg — 6 single-member districts, 3 at large
 Craven — Nonpartisan primaries in 7 districts, general election countywide
 Cumberland — 6 from districts, 3 at large
 Duplin — 5 single-member districts
 Durham — 4 from single-member districts, 2 from consolidated districts, 1 at large
 Edenton/Chowan — 6 from districts, 1 at large
 Edgecombe — 7 single-member districts
 Franklin — 5 from districts, 2 at large
 Granville — 7 single-member districts
 Guilford — 9 single-member districts, 2 at large
 Harnett — 5 single-member districts
 Hickory — 6 single-member districts, 1 at large

Iredell/Statesville — 7 single-member districts
 Lenoir — 5 from districts, 2 at large
 Lexington — 7 single-member districts
 Madison — 4 from 2 districts, 1 at large
 Martin — 7 single-member districts
 Montgomery — 7 from districts
 Nash — 11 single-member districts
 Newton/Conover — 6 from 2 districts
 Pamlico — 5 single-member districts, 2 at large
 Pitt — 9 single-member districts
 Robeson — 8 single-member districts, 3 at large
 Rockingham — 4 single-member districts, 3 at large
 Union — 6 single-member districts, 3 at large
 Vance — 7 single-member districts
 Wake — 9 single-member districts
 Wayne — 6 single-member districts, 1 at large
 Whiteville — 4 single-member districts, 1 at large
 Wilson — 7 single-member districts
 Winston-Salem/Forsyth — 6 from 2 districts, 3 at large

Timelines Tied to Redistricting and Census Data

2021 KEY DATES

- **March 31:** typically, 2020 Census Bureau data released; delayed in 2021 due to COVID
- **July 21:** date by which Council must adopt plan for redrawn districts (by law, 3 business days before filing period for municipal elections opens)
- **July 26 – Aug 9:** candidate filing period opens and closes for city council district primaries
- **September 14:** primary elections for council districts
- **September 30:** projected release of 2020 Census Bureau data to states and municipalities
- **October 12:** primary runoff date for municipal elections
- **November 2:** general election date for municipalities

2022 KEY DATES (Based on County Election Schedule)

- **Dec. 6 – Dec. 17, 2021:** candidate filing period opens and closes for county election primaries
- **March 8, 2022:** primary day
- **April 26:** primary run off day
- **November 8:** general elections

Key Considerations

- Usually, cities receive about 3-4 months to adopt redistricting plans after release of data (March – July)
- Normally, counties have about 27 weeks to adopt redistricting plans (mid-March – Oct); school boards have about 35 weeks (mid-March – December)
- When drawing districts after decennial year, cities must rely on census data.
- NCGA may delay filing deadlines (and maybe primary dates) due to delayed release of 2020 census data.

Recommended Next Steps

- City may vote to delay elections (under NCGS 160A-23.1):
 - When drawing districts after decennial year, cities must rely on census data. If more than 5% deviation from ideal district size/population, lines must be redrawn to correct imbalance, per NC's *Stephenson* case

Date	Next Steps
March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice and schedule hearing for public input on delaying 2021 municipal elections due to delayed release of 2020 Census block level data and timely revising of districts
April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a resolution to delay the 2021 municipal (partisan) elections until 2022 elections due to census and redrawing delays
September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release of 2020 Census data
Oct. – Nov. 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate existing district boundaries to confirm that redistricting is required to correct population imbalances based on 2020 Census block level data <ol style="list-style-type: none"> City Council sets priorities for redrawing and review proposed new maps of district boundaries Priorities may include retaining existing districts' lines as much as possible and following precinct lines Prepare one or more options for new districts
November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule public hearing for public input on priorities, proposed maps, and options • City Council considers options and adopts resolution with redrawn council district lines
December 6, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of candidate filing period for 2022 elections for county officers
March 8, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide primary election date for county officers
November 8, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide general election date for county officers

Discussion