

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SUMMERFIELD TOWN CHARTER
AFTER A SPECIAL ELECTION ON MAY 17, 2005
TO REQUIRE THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD HOLD MAYORAL ELECTIONS
EVERY TWO YEARS ALLOWING VOTERS TO ELECT THE TOWN MAYOR AND
TO CHANGE THE RIGHT OF THE MAYOR TO VOTE ONLY TO BREAK A TIE VOTE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 160-A-104, town citizens initiated a referendum on proposed charter amendment to require the election of a mayor every two years and to change the right of the Mayor once elected and qualified to vote only to break a tie vote; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-104, Guilford County Board of Elections found and certified 1,000 names of qualified registered voters affixed to the initiative petition for a charter amendment which exceeds the required ten percent of the number of registered voters in he Town of Summerfield now certified by the State Board of Elections as 5815 registered voters; and

WHEREAS, the valid initiative petition was received by the Summerfield Town Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-104, Town Council, upon receipt of the valid initiative petition was required to call a special election on the question of adopting the charter amendments proposed by the initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, such special election was held by the Guilford County Board of Elections on May 17, 2005, at which time a majority of the votes cast in the special election were in favor of the proposed initiative Petition changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD that pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 160A-104, the Charter for the Town of Summerfield be amended by this Ordinance to require the Town of Summerfield to elect the Town Mayor by holding mayoral elections every two years and to change the right of the Mayor to vote only to break a tie vote.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that pursuant to the vote in favor of the proposed Town Charter changes the Summerfield voters shall elect the Town Mayor by making one of the existing six council member seats the mayor seat; (a) at the next regular election in 2005, one mayor and two council members shall be elected. The person receiving the highest number of votes for the mayor seat will be elected mayor for a two year term. The two persons receiving the highest number of votes for the council member seats shall each be elected to Town Council for a four-year term; after election to office, the Mayor will not have the right to vote on any matter before the Council except to break a tie vote.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this Ordinance be filed with the North Carolina Secretary of State, and the Legislative Library.

Adopted this 5st day of July, 2005.

ATTEST AND SEAL

TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD

By: *Dianne Laughlin*
Dianne Laughlin, Town Clerk
Town Clerk

By: *Dena Barnes*
Dena Barnes, Mayor

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