

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
TO CALL AND CONDUCT A SPECIAL ELECTION ON MAY 17, 2005
FOR A VOTE PURSUANT TO A VALID INITIATIVE PETITION
TO AMEND THE SUMMERFIELD TOWN CHARTER
TO REQUIRE THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD HOLD MAYORAL ELECTIONS
EVERY TWO YEARS ALLOWING VOTERS TO ELECT THE TOWN MAYOR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-104, town citizens have initiated a referendum on proposed charter amendment; and

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

WHEREAS, a valid initiative petition has been received by the Summerfield Town Council; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD that pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 163-287, the Guilford County Board of Elections is hereby requested to call and conduct a Special Election May 17, 2005, for the purpose of amending the Summerfield Town Charter to require the Town of Summerfield to hold mayoral elections every two years allowing voters to elect the town mayor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 163-287 the said ballot for the Special Election vote shall state the proposition for voting as follows:

Shall the Town of Summerfield Charter be amended to require Summerfield hold Mayoral elections allowing Summerfield voters to 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.

_____ For

_____ Against

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be filed with the Guilford County Board of Elections within ten (10) days of adoption.

Adopted this 1st day of February, 2005.

ATTEST AND SEAL

TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD

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

By: *Dena Barnes*
Dena Barnes, Mayor