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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: PRESENTATION

Meeting Date: May 28, 2026

Item Details

Presenter(s): Allen Coleman, Town Clerk
Olivia McCall, Board of Elections (BOE) Director

Department(s): Town Clerk's Office
Wake County Board of Elections (BOE)

Requested Motion

Receive as information a presentation from the Wake County Board of Elections (BOE) regarding the potential advantages and disadvantages associated with transitioning municipal elections to even-numbered years, and consider adopting a resolution expressing the Apex Town Council's interest in further exploring the feasibility and implications of even-year municipal elections.

Approval Recommended?

TBD

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The Town of Apex is evaluating the feasibility of transitioning its municipal elections from the current odd-year cycle to even-numbered years, aligning with state and federal elections as part of its 2025-2026 Legislative Agenda priority.

This initiative reflects the Town's commitment to enhancing voter participation, improving operational efficiency, and promoting fiscal responsibility. Even-year election cycles historically yield higher turnout due to increased public engagement during federal and state races, while also reducing voter fatigue.

Financially, consolidating elections offers opportunities to share costs with county and state partners, decreasing expenses associated with staffing, polling site operations, ballot production, and overall administration. Operational benefits include fewer disruptions to Town programs, services, and events, along with reduced environmental impacts tied to standalone election logistics.

Apex is in the beginning stages of coordinating with the Wake County Board of Elections and other municipalities to explore a regionally aligned approach, especially as statewide trends continue to shift toward even-year municipal elections.

The proposed resolution **does not change** the current election structure but signals the Town's intent to conduct a comprehensive analysis, engage regional partners, and return findings to the Town Council to consider next steps.

Attachments

- PR2-A1: PowerPoint Presentation - Wake County Board of Elections - Even Year Elections **(to be provided at the meeting)**
- PR2-A2: Even Year Election Summary Document to Municipalities
- PR2-A3: Survey Questions for Neighboring Municipalities
- PR2-A4: Possible Resolution - Expressing Interest in Exploring Even Year Municipal Elections and Requesting Wake County Municipalities to Consider the Same
- PR2-A5: Summary of Financial Expenses - Wake County Municipal Elections 2021, 2023, and 2025

