



**TOWN OF APEX TOWN COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTEREST IN EXPLORING  
THE ALIGNMENT OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WITH  
EVEN-YEAR STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS AND  
ENCOURAGING OTHER WAKE COUNTY  
MUNICIPALITIES TO CONSIDER THE SAME  
RES-2026-\_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Town Charter for the Town of Apex, the Governing Body of the Town of Apex shall consist of one (1) Mayor and five (5) Town Councilmembers who are elected according to the nonpartisan plurality election method; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Charter for the Town of Apex prescribes that regular municipal elections shall be held in the Town every two (2) years in odd-numbered years and shall be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina. Terms of the governing body are staggered so that voters fill three Councilmember seats or two Councilmember seats and the Mayor seat every two-years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Apex is committed to promoting effective, efficient, and transparent governance, maximizing civic engagement, and ensuring responsible stewardship of public resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, municipal elections currently held in odd-numbered years impose substantial costs on the Town's operating budget due to standalone election administration, polling operations, and related staffing requirements; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council acknowledges that the current legislative agenda of the Town of Apex identifies the transition to even-year municipal elections as a priority item, reflecting the Council's commitment to efficiency, civic engagement, and responsible fiscal management; and,

**WHEREAS**, the alignment of municipal elections with state and federal elections in even-numbered years has the potential to:

- (a) Enhance voter participation by coinciding with higher-profile election cycles;
- (b) Reduce election-related administrative and operational costs for both the Town and the Wake County Board of Elections;
- (c) Minimize disruption to Town operations and allow increased flexibility in scheduling recreation, community programming, and other civic activities;
- (d) Reduce environmental and logistical burdens associated with separate standalone elections; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council recognizes that pursuing even-year municipal elections could serve as a model for other municipalities within Wake County, encouraging a countywide effort to enhance voter turnout, reduce administrative costs, and strengthen local democracy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, as follows:

**Section 1:** The Town Council formally expresses its interest in exploring the feasibility of aligning municipal elections with even-numbered years.

**Section 2:** The Town Council encourages the Wake County Board of Elections and other municipalities within Wake County to consider the potential benefits of transitioning to even-year municipal elections.

**Section 3:** The Town Council directs the Town Clerk, Town Attorney, and other appropriate Town staff to study the legal, operational, fiscal, and procedural implications of such a transition and provide a report with findings and recommendations to the Council by June 30, 2026. As part of the report, the Town Clerk, along with selected members of the elected body, may meet with elected officials and Town staff in other municipalities in Wake County to gauge their interest in moving to even-year elections.

**Section 4:** The Town Council affirms that this resolution is a formal expression of interest and support for further examination and collaboration and does not constitute a change in the Town's current election schedule at this time.

**Section 5:** The Town Council emphasizes that the alignment of municipal elections with even-numbered years remains a priority item on the Town's legislative agenda, reflecting the Council's ongoing commitment to promoting efficient governance, increased voter participation, and responsible resource management; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to all Wake County Commissioners, Wake County Municipal Mayors, Town Councilmembers, and Town Clerks and request their support of this effort.

**ADOPTED**, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

**TOWN OF APEX**

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Jacques K. Gilbert  
Mayor

Attest:

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Allen Coleman, CMC  
Town Clerk