

## **DRAFT** Survey Questions for Wake County Municipalities

### **Section 1: General Interest**

1. What is your role?
    - Elected Official
    - Town Manager
    - Town Clerk
  2. Are you aware of discussions regarding aligning municipal elections with even-year cycles?
    - Yes / No
  3. What is your initial level of interest in exploring this change?
    - Not interested
    - Neutral / Need more information
    - Moderately interested
    - Highly interested
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### **Section 2: Current Election Structure**

3. Does your municipality currently hold elections in:
    - Odd-numbered years
    - Even-numbered years
    - Other (please describe)
  4. Are your governing body terms staggered?
    - Yes / No
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### **Section 3: Perceived Benefits**

5. What potential benefits do you see in aligning with even-year elections? (*Select all that apply*)
  - Increased voter turnout
  - Cost savings

- Administrative efficiency
- Reduced operational disruption (facility usage)
- Regional consistency
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. How significant do you believe voter turnout improvements would be?

- Minimal
  - Moderate
  - Significant
  - Unsure
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#### **Section 4: Concerns / Barriers**

7. What concerns would you have regarding this transition? *(Select all that apply)*

- Decrease focus on local elections (more likely to feel partisan)
  - Legal or statutory barriers
  - Transition complexity (term adjustments)
  - Cost uncertainty
  - Voter confusion
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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#### **Section 5: Financial Considerations**

9. How would you characterize your current municipal election costs?

- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Unsure

10. Would potential cost savings influence your willingness to consider this change?

- Yes, significantly

- Somewhat
  - No
  - Unsure
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### **Section 6: Willingness to Collaborate**

11. Would you / your municipality be interested in participating in a **countywide coordinated effort** to explore this transition?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

12. Would your staff or elected officials be willing to participate in meetings or workgroups on this topic?

- Yes
  - No
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### **Section 7: Implementation Considerations**

13. What level of analysis would your municipality need before making a decision?

- Basic overview
- Detailed financial analysis
- Legal review
- Full implementation plan

14. What timeline would be reasonable for your municipality to consider such a change?

- Within 1 year
  - 1–3 years
  - More than 3 years
  - Unsure
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## **Section 8: Open Feedback**

15. Please provide any additional comments, concerns, or suggestions regarding aligning municipal elections with even-year cycles:

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