

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
SUBCHAPTER C – GENERAL ELECTIONS, SECTION 2.41 (1) AND (3) OF THE  
GREENSBORO CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF OFFICE FROM TWO (2)  
YEARS TO FOURS (4) YEARS

WHEREAS, On February 19, 2015, City Council adopted a Resolution of Intent to amend the City Charter to retain the current form of government and to change the term of office from two to four years and to submit this plan to a binding referendum. The City Council held a public hearing on March 3, 2015, at which citizens spoke in favor of the Council proposal. The City Council may adopt an ordinance amending the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, In 1983 the City of Greensboro adopted a City Council election system of one Council member elected from each of its five districts, three Council members elected at-large, and one Mayor elected at large. The system adopted in 1983 is commonly referred to as the 5-3-1 system. The City of Greensboro supports its current system because it ensures fair and equitable representation of all residents of the City, and this resolution will not alter this 5-3-1 system; and

WHEREAS, Council may adopt an ordinance amending the charter to implement the amendments proposed in the Resolution of Intent. Council must also adopt a resolution calling for a special election. This special election shall occur at the next general election; and

WHEREAS, Because State election laws will only allow a special election at the time of the general election on odd numbered years, the special election would be on November 3, 2015, and Council's proposed change, if approved by the voters, will not become effective until the 2017 election. If the General Assembly moves the general election to October 6, 2015, then the referendum will be heard on October 6, 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council incorporates the above recitals and calls for a special referendum to be held throughout the City of Greensboro, North Carolina on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, which is the date of the general election unless the date is changed by subsequent law, at which there will be submitted to the qualified voters of said City the following question:

Shall the amended Section 2.41 (1) and (3) of the Charter of the City  
of Greensboro which changes the terms of office for city council  
members and the mayor from two (2) years to four (4) years, effective  
for the 2017 election, be approved?

Yes     \_\_\_

No      \_\_\_

If the question hereinabove set forth is approved, the terms of office for the city council members and the mayor shall be four (4) year terms.