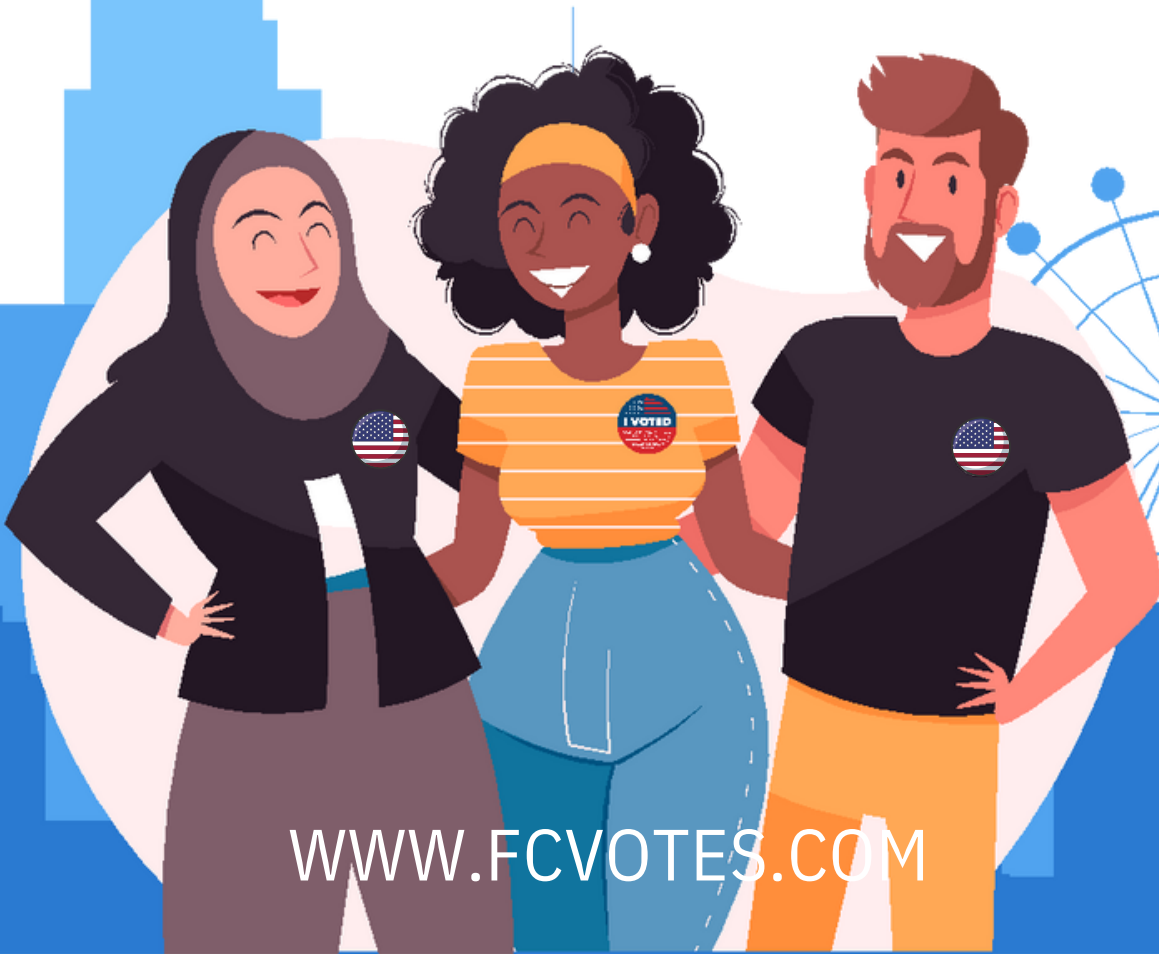


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Municipal Election



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ABOUT THIS ELECTION



About this Municipal Election:

- Only the Town of Bethania, Village of Clemmons, City of High Point, City of King, Town of Kernersville, Town of Lewisville, Town of Rural Hall, Village of Tobaccoville, and the Town of Walkertown hold elections in odd-numbered years.

Elections With Primary

High Point Mayor
High Point Council At-Large
High Point Council Ward 5

Elections Without Primary

Bethania Commissioners
Clemmons Mayor
Clemmons Council
King Mayor
King Council
Kernersville Mayor
Kernersville Aldermen
Lewisville Mayor
Lewisville Council
Rural Hall Mayor
Rural Hall Council

Tobaccoville Mayor
Tobaccoville Council
Walkertown Mayor
Walkertown Council



Voter Photo ID Requirement

Beginning with the 2023 municipal elections, North Carolina voters will be asked to show photo ID when they check in to vote. Voters who vote by mail will be asked to include a photocopy of an acceptable photo ID when returning their ballot by mail.

For detailed information about the photo ID requirement, go to ncsbe.gov/voter-ID.



WHAT PHOTO ID CAN I USE?

Any of the following that is **unexpired or expired for one year or less**:

- North Carolina Driver's License
- U.S. Passport Book/U.S. Passport Card
- State ID from NCDMV ("non-operator ID")
- NC Voter Photo ID card, issued by a county board of elections
- College/university student ID approved by State Board of Elections
- Charter school employee ID approved by State Board of Elections
- State/local government employee ID approved by State Board of Elections
- Driver's license/non-driver ID from another state, D.C. or U.S. territory

Any of the following, **regardless of whether the ID contains an expiration or issuance date**:

- Military or veteran ID card issued by the U.S. government
- Tribal enrollment card issued by a State or federally recognized tribe
- ID card issued by a U.S. government agency or the State of NC for a public assistance program

NOTE: Voters ages 65+ may use an expired ID if it was unexpired on their 65th birthday.

To see the complete list of acceptable photo IDs and details on how to request State Board approval for student and employee IDs, visit ncsbe.gov/voter-ID.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A PHOTO ID?

All voters **will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID**. If any voter is unable to show a photo ID when voting, they may:



Vote with a **Provisional Ballot**, and...



Complete an **ID Exception Form**



Bring acceptable ID to the county elections office by the day before county canvass.

On the form, the voter will **choose from the following permitted exceptions**:

- A “reasonable impediment” preventing them from showing ID.
- A religious objection to being photographed.
- A victim of a natural disaster within 100 days before Election Day.

FREE PHOTO ID CARDS

Any registered voter can get a free photo ID from their county board of elections. Contact information for county boards can be found at vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEinfo. Any North Carolina resident can get a free non-driver's ID from the NCDMV.

Information regarding North Carolina's voter ID requirement is updated frequently; for the latest guidance on this law, acceptable types of photo ID, voting procedures, exceptions and more, visit ncsbe.gov/voter-ID.

ELECTORAL PROFILE

As of September 2023



**Registered
Voters**

53,278

*for municipalities in the 2023 Municipal Elections

PROFILE OF THIS ELECTION



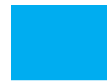
Offices

35



Local Measures

0



**County
Measures**

0



**State
Measures**

0



Ballot Groups

42



**Total
Candidates
Across all Ballots**

49



**Early Vote
Sites**

1



Election Precincts

38



Polling Places

22



Election Workers

120

Approximate



Est. Election Cost

\$90,000

Approximate



**Military and
Overseas Voters**

1 (2021)

VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS

As of September 2023



Voters by Age	Registered	% of Registered
<18*	88	0.17%
18-25	6,225	11.68%
26-40	11,577	21.73%
41-65	21,724	40.77%
Over 65	13,664	25.65%
TOTAL	53,278	100%

*Citizens under the age of 18 may pre-register for primary elections if they will be 18 by the November election date

POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE



Qualified Parties	Registered	% of Registered
Democratic	13,520	25.38%
Republican	20,030	37.60%
Unaffiliated	19,374	36.36%
Libertarian	343	0.64%
Green	8	0.02%
No Labels	3	0.01%
TOTAL	53,278	100.00%

2023

ELECTION SCHEDULE



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

To be conducted in the
City of High Point



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

To be conducted in the Municipalities of
Bethania, Clemmons, High Point,
Kernersville, King, Lewisville, Rural Hall,
Tobaccoville, and Walkertown

2024

ELECTION SCHEDULE



TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

PRIMARY ELECTION

SECOND PRIMARY

April 23, 2024 for non-Federal Offices
May 14, 2024 for Federal Offices



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

GENERAL ELECTION

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS





2023 ELECTION SCHEDULE

Friday, July 7, 2023	Candidate filing period opens at 12:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-294.2 (c))
Tuesday, July 18, 2023	Board Meeting (Organizational Meeting) – 12:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-31(a))
Tuesday, July 18, 2023	Deadline to withdraw Notice of Candidacy – by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-294.2 (d))
Friday, July 21, 2023	Candidate filing period closes at 12:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-294.2 (c))
Tuesday, August 22, 2023	Board Meeting (Precinct Official's Appointment) – 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-31(b))
Friday, September 8, 2023	Beginning date for absentee by-mail ballots to be mailed for Municipal Primary Elections (G.S. 163-227.10) (G.S. 163-258.9 (a))
Sunday, September 10, 2023	30-Day residency deadline (G.S. 163-82.15 (a))
Tuesday, September 12, 2023	Absentee Meeting – 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(f))
Friday, September 15, 2023	Voter registration deadline. Forms must be postmarked or delivered in person by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-82.20 (h)) & (G.S. 163-82.6 (d) (2))
Tuesday, September 19, 2023	Absentee Meeting – 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(f))
Thursday, September 21, 2023	One-Stop Early Voting begins - Municipal Primary for the City of High Point (G.S. 163-227.2 (b))
Tuesday, September 26, 2023	Absentee Meeting – 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(f))
Tuesday, October 3, 2023	Absentee Meeting – 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1 (f)) Last day to request an absentee by-mail ballot – by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(a))
Saturday, October 7, 2023	One-Stop Early Voting ends at 3:00 p.m. - Municipal Primary for the City of High Point (G.S. 163-227.2 (b))
Sunday, October 8, 2023	30-Day residency deadline (G.S. 163-82.15 (a))
Monday, October 9, 2023	Absentee Meeting – 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1 (f)) Last day to request an absentee by-mail ballot due to sickness or disability – by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1 (b)) Last day for UOCAVA voters to register and request an absentee by-mail ballot – by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-258.6 (a) (d))
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Election Day Municipal Primary City of High Point	Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Absentee Meeting – 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1 (f)) Deadline to return civilian absentee by-mail ballots – 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-231 (b) (1))

If mailed, must be postmarked by 10/10/2023 (no later than 5:00 p.m.), and received within 3 days after election day.

**** The 2023 Election Schedule continues on the next page**

This information is subject to change.



2023 ELECTION SCHEDULE

Friday, October 13, 2023	Voter registration deadline. Forms must be postmarked or delivered in person by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-82.20 (h)) & (G.S. 163-82.6 (d) (2))
Monday, October 16, 2023	Deadline for provisional voters to submit HAVA document - by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-166.12 (c)) (G.S. 163-82.4 (f)) UOCAVA Absentee Ballot return deadline – mailed
Tuesday, October 17, 2023	Supplemental Absentee Meeting 10:00 a.m. (G.S. 163-234 (11)) Canvass – 11:00 a.m. (G.S. 163- 291 (5))
Thursday, October 19, 2023	One-Stop Early Voting begins – Municipal General Election (G.S. 163-227.2 (b))
Tuesday, October 24, 2023	Absentee Meeting - 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(f))
Tuesday, October 31, 2023	Absentee Meeting- 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(f)) Last day to request a civilian absentee by-mail ballot – by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(a))
Saturday, November 4, 2023	One-Stop Early Voting ends at 3:00 p.m. – Municipal General Election (G.S. 163-227.2 (b))
Monday, November 6, 2023	Absentee Meeting- 2:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(f)) Last day to request an absentee by-mail ballot due to sickness or disability – by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1 (b)) Last day for UOCAVA voters to register and request an absentee by-mail ballot – by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-258.6 (a) (d))
Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Election Day Municipal Election	Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Absentee Meeting – 2:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-234(2)) Deadline to return civilian absentee by-mail ballots – 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-231 (b) (1)) If mailed, must be postmarked by 11/7/2023 (no later than 5:00 p.m.), and received within 3 days after election day. Deadline to return UOCAVA absentee ballots – electronic 7:30 p.m.
Monday, November 13, 2023	Deadline to receive absentee ballots postmarked on or before Election Day at 5:00 p.m. (November 7, 2023) (N.C.G.S. §103-5)
Thursday, November 16, 2023	Deadline for provisional voters to submit HAVA document - by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-166.12 (c)) (G.S. 163-82.4 (f))
Friday, November 17, 2023	Supplemental Absentee Meeting 10:00 a.m. (G.S. 163-234 (11)) Canvass – 11:00 a.m. (G.S. 163- 291 (5))
Monday, December 4, 2023	Candidate filing period opens at 12:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-106.2 (b))
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	Deadline to withdraw Notice of Candidacy – by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-106.4)
Friday, December 15, 2023	Candidate filing period closes at 12:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-106.2 (b))
Thursday, December 21, 2023	Board Meeting (Regular) - 3:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-31)



2023 BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING SCHEDULE

****Special meetings may be scheduled, and the schedule below is subject to change. They will be announced as soon as administratively possible****

Thursday, January 19, 2023	Board Meeting (Regular) – 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-31)
Thursday, February 16, 2023	Board Meeting (Regular) – 3:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-31)
Thursday, March 16, 2023	Board Meeting (Regular) – 3:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-31)
Thursday, April 20, 2023	Board Meeting (Regular) - 3:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-31)
Thursday, May 18, 2023	Board Meeting (Regular) - 3:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-31)
Thursday, June 15, 2023	Board Meeting (Regular) - 3:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-31)
Tuesday, July 18, 2023	Board Meeting (Organizational Meeting) - 12:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-31(a))
Tuesday, August 22, 2023	Board Meeting (Precinct Official's Appointment) - 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-31 (b))
Tuesday, September 12, 2023	Absentee Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 19, 2023	Absentee Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 26, 2023	Absentee Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 3, 2023	Absentee Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 9, 2023	Absentee Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Election Day City of High Point Primary	Absentee Meeting- 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-234(2))
Tuesday, October 17, 2023	Supplemental Absentee Meeting 10:00 a.m. (G.S. 163-234(1)) Canvass – 11:00 a.m. G.S. 163- 291(5))
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Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Election Day Municipal Election	Absentee Meeting - 2:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-234(2))
Friday, November 17, 2023	Supplemental Absentee Meeting - 10:00 a.m. (G.S. 163-234(11)) Canvass - 11:00 a.m. (G.S. 163- 291(5))
Thursday, December 21, 2023	Board Meeting (regular) - 3:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-31)

VOTE BY MAIL AND EARLY VOTING OPTIONS

Absentee By Mail

Any North Carolina registered voter may request, receive, and vote a mail-in absentee ballot in elections where absentee voting is permitted. Learn about the municipal elections in 2023 at www.fcvotes.com. Registered voters in North Carolina must request an absentee ballot with an official N.C. Absentee Ballot Request Form. There are two ways to access and submit the form:

1. Online:

- “Option 1 – Request an Absentee Ballot” at the N.C. Absentee Ballot Portal.

2. On paper:

- 2023 N.C. Absentee Ballot Request Form in English (fillable PDF)
- 2023 N.C. Absentee Ballot Request Form in Spanish (download to come)
 - After completing, submit the form to your county board of elections or in person or by mail.

Track your absentee-by-mail ballot through the mail: Once you have requested your absentee ballot, you can track its status from printed to accepted by signing up online for status notifications through [BallotTrax](#). BallotTrax will be available 30 days prior to each election in 2023.

Early Voting

During the early voting period, voters may cast a ballot at any early voting site in their county. This is different than Election Day, when registered voters must vote at their assigned polling place. During the early voting period, eligible individuals may also register to vote and vote at the same time.

When you check in to vote at an early voting site, you may update your name or address within the same county if necessary. Individuals who are not registered to vote in a county may register and immediately vote at that same site. This process is called “same-day registration.” Find more information at [Register in Person During Early Voting](#). Although same-day registration is available for voters during early voting, same-day registration is not available for most voters on Election Day.



North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form for 2023

2023.04

Request an absentee ballot

You can request an absentee ballot for 1 voter per form, for 1 election at a time.

The information that you provide on this form will be used to update your current voter record if signed by the voter. You may not change your party using this form.

If you are not registered, you must submit a voter registration form with this request.

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

How to return this form

Return your completed and signed form to your county board of elections by **5:00 pm on the Tuesday before the election.**

You can:

- Drop it off in-person
- Mail it

This form can only be returned by:

- The voter or the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian
- A Multipartisan Assistance Team
- A person who assisted by returning the form due to the voter's disability.

Return this form to:

Questions?

Skip the paper form and request online

Complete, sign, and submit your request online at votebymail.ncsbe.gov.

Instructions

1: Election Date

Request for 1 election per form.

2: Voter name

Provide your full legal name. If your name has changed, this form will be used to update your current voter record.

3: Voter identification

You must provide your date of birth **and** one of the following:

- A NC Driver's License or DMV ID card number
- The last 4 digits of your social security number

4: Home address

Provide the street address where you live as of today. If you are temporarily living away or displaced from the address where you live and you plan to return later, provide your residential (home) address for voting. **However**, if you have abandoned your place of residence and intend to stay at a new address indefinitely, you must provide your new address here. Signing in section 11 will update your voter registration. If your new address is in a different county, you will not be able to update your address using this form and will need to submit a new voter registration in your new county.

5: Ballot mailing address

Indicate where you would like your ballot to be sent. If you do not want your ballot to be sent to your residential or mailing address, provide another address here.

6: Accessibility options

Check if you require an absentee ballot for other possible elections in 2023 due to your continued or expected illness or disability. Check the 2nd box in section 6 if you require an accessible ballot due to blindness or visual impairment and provide your email in section 7 so that we may contact you when the ballot is available.

7: Contact information

This section asks for your contact information in case we have questions about this request. Provide contact information for the voter or if the voter did not fill out the form, contact information for the near relative, legal guardian, or assistant who filled out the form.

8: Requesting a ballot for a voter

A near relative or legal guardian may request a ballot for a voter but may not make changes to the voter's registration record. A near relative is a voter's:

- Spouse
- Brother or sister
- Parent or stepparent
- Mother/father-in-law
- Child or stepchild
- Son/daughter-in-law
- Grandparent/Grandchild

Any person may request an absentee ballot for a voter **who needs assistance making the request due to disability**. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, a disability

is a physical or mental impairment that causes someone to be substantially limited in a major life activity. *When requesting a ballot on behalf of a voter, the requester must complete and sign section 8.*

9: Assisting a voter in filling out or re- turning this form

If you are helping a voter fill out or return their form, complete this section. *The voter will still need to sign or make their mark in section 11.* Any voter may receive assistance from their near relative or verifiable legal guardian. A voter who needs assistance completing or returning their request form due to their blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may receive assistance from a person of their choice. **For voters living in a facility (clinic, nursing home, or adult care home) who do NOT require assistance due to a disability, certain limitations apply.**

The voter must first seek to have a near relative, legal guardian or Multipartisan Assistance Team (MAT) to assist with requesting a ballot. If none of these options is available within 7 days of making a request for a MAT, the voter may get assistance from anyone who is **not**:

- An owner, manager, director, or employee of the facility
- An elected official, a candidate, or an officeholder in a political party
- A campaign manager or treasurer for a candidate or political party

10: Military or overseas

Complete this section if you claim North Carolina as your voting residence and are:

- A U.S. citizen currently outside of the United States

Or a member of one of the following, **or** a spouse or dependent of a member of one of the following:

- The active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty
- A member of the Merchant Marines, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States
- A member of the National Guard or State militia unit who is on activated status

11: Voter's signature

This form must be signed **by the voter** (unless a near relative or legal guardian or assistant is requesting a ballot on the voter's behalf and fills out section 8). If the voter cannot physically sign this form, they can make a mark. **A typed signature or signature fonts are not allowed.**

If you indicate that you have changed your name (section 2) or address (section 4), signing will update your voter registration.

FORSYTH COUNTY

One-Stop Early Voting Location, Dates, and Times

November 7, 2023 – Municipal General Election

For Bethania, Clemmons, High Point, Kernersville, King, Lewisville, Rural Hall, Tobaccoville and Walkertown

Main Office Location:

Forsyth County Board of Elections
Forsyth County Government Center
201 N. Chestnut Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Thursday – Friday	October 19 – 20	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday	October 23 – 27	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday	Oct. 30 – Nov. 3	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	November 4	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



For additional information contact the Forsyth County Board of Elections

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GUIDELINES FOR ELECTIONEERING DURING ELECTIONS

1- Conduct Outside of the Polling Place

- Respect the right of all voters to participate in the election without fear of intimidation or violence. Intimidating any voter is a state and federal crime.
- Be courteous towards those at the voting place, regardless of any difference of opinion.
- Always remain civil and calm. While differences of opinion are expected and should be respected, resolve any disagreements or disputes amicably.
- Disagreements or disputes should not involve profanity or aggressive behaviors. - Confine electioneering and issue advocacy to designated areas outside of the voting place.
- Election officials strictly enforce the marked line beyond which no electioneering or loitering is permitted.

2- Buffer Zone (G.S. 163-166.4 (a))

- Breaching and moving the designated buffer zone is not permitted.
- No person or group of persons shall hinder access, harass others, distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activities inside the voting place or within a buffer zone.
- Dimensions of the buffer zone at each polling place shall be no more than 50 feet and no less than 25 feet from the entrance to the polling place.
- Electioneers may distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, and signage, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activity in the designated area outside the buffer zone.
- Not all polling locations allow for political signage or literature. You must verify the Restricted Polling Place List on the BOE website under the Polling Place tab.

3- Area for Election-Related Activity (G.S. 163-166.4(b))

- Volunteers and electioneers may distribute campaign literature, place political signs, solicit votes, and engage in election-related activities only outside of the designated buffer zone.
- Privately owned polling places might have restrictions on campaign literature and/or placement of political signs on their property on Election Day. Volunteers and electioneers must check the Restricted Polling Place List before every election, found on fcvotes.com under the tab Polling Places.

4- Curbside Voting

- The voter's vehicle is considered a voting place. Electioneers must respect it as such and not encroach on the designated curbside area. The buffer zone shall be at least six feet from the vehicle, and a greater distance if possible. Electioneers shall not enter the buffer zone.
- Approaching voters in their vehicles in the curbside area will not be tolerated.

5- Party Observers and Runners (G.S. 163-45)

- Only appointed observers and runners are permitted inside the voting place.
- The party chair must provide observer or runner's names to the Board of Elections before 10:00 a.m., five days prior to Election Day.
- An observer shall do no electioneering at the voting place and shall in no manner impede the voting process or interfere or communicate with or observe any voter in casting a ballot.
- The runner may receive a voter list from the precinct. No runner may enter the voting enclosure except when necessary to announce that runner's presence and to receive the list. The runner must leave immediately after being provided with the list.

Example of Prohibited Acts That Illustrate Prohibited Behavior During Elections

- 1- **Federal law prohibits those around the polling place from displaying badges, uniforms, or credentials that reasonable individuals would interpret to mean that the person is a law-enforcement officer (See 18 U.S.C. § 241 and Williams v. United States, 341 U.S. 97 (1951)).** Ex.: Individuals outside the buffer zone wearing "SECURITY" insignia and informing voters that they are "monitoring" the polling place.
- 2- **It is a crime to interfere with the ability of a voter to access the voting place. Individuals in the parking lot physically delay or prevent cars from parking.**
- 3- **No person may engage in election-related activity within the buffer zone. (G.S. 163-166.4(a)).** Ex.: A radio station is played over speakers inside the voting enclosure, and the broadcast includes political discussion or commentary.

4- It is a crime for any person to commit any boisterous act that disturbs any election official in the performance of his or her statutory duties (G.S. § 163-274(a) (5)).

Ex.: Individuals use sound amplification to make racial slurs or otherwise insult those presenting to vote for their preferred candidate, and the chief judge has told the individual that their noise is causing a disruption inside the voting enclosure.

5- It is a federal crime to intimidate, threaten, or coerce anyone to interfere with an individual's right to vote or not vote in an election; this includes conduct intended to force prospective voters to vote against their preferences (18 U.S.C. § 594).

Ex.: Individuals outside the buffer zone threaten a voter if the voter does not vote for or against a particular candidate or party.

6- It is both a violation of state and federal law for any voter to challenge an individual on the basis of their ethnicity, religion, language fluency, or national origin (G.S. § 163-90.1(a)).

Ex.: An Individual attempts to enter a voter challenge without proper basis.

7- Additional examples of voter intimidation.

Ex.: An individual or individuals outside the buffer zone approach only voters who appear to be of a certain ethnic group to ask whether they speak English or to demand that they verify their citizenship.

Ex.: An individual or individuals outside the buffer zone follow a non-English speaker who is receiving assistance from a person of their choice and accuse them of committing voter fraud.

Ex.: An individual or individuals outside the buffer zone yell insults or profanity at people who received assistance in the voting enclosure.

For questions or concerns regarding electioneering during elections, contact the Forsyth County Board of Elections at (336) 703-2800



GUIDELINES FOR MEDIA AT POLLING PLACES

1- Conduct at Polling Places

-The term media generally describes people affiliated with a television, radio or newspaper outlet. News media have a right to report on matters of public interest, including elections.

-The Chief Judge is the only election official authorized to interact with the media. Please remember to identify yourselves with your credentials when interacting with election officials.

2- Buffer Zone

-Any interviews or election polls must be conducted at least 50 feet from the entrance of the polling place. However, news cameras may be positioned near the doorway of a voting enclosure to record only panoramic, wide-angle views of the voting room.

Photographers and videographers may not zoom in on ballots or voters. Media shall not block, interfere, obstruct, or disrupt the voting process, and shall not record any ballots or the tabulation of ballots. Photographing voters and poll workers is restricted so if a photo or recording includes voters and/or precinct officials, the media must obtain permission from the voters and/or precinct officials. Breaching and moving the designated buffer zone is not permitted.

-No person or group of persons shall hinder access, harass others, distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activities inside the voting place or within a buffer zone.

3- Closing and Unofficial Results

-After the polls close and all voters have left the enclosure, the media and public are allowed inside to observe the closing process but may not hinder operations of precinct officials.

-The Chief Judge may inform the media how many ballots have been cast at a precinct. However, media may not enter the voting enclosure to check the tabulator.

-Please do not ask officials for any opinions, guesses or predictions about the election. They may provide objective facts regarding the polling place but may not speculate on outcomes or turnout.



REPORTING ELECTION RESULTS



Early Votes are Reported

7:30pm

One-stop early votes and absentee by-mail votes that have been approved by the board of elections



Precinct Results Begin to Report

8:30pm

Precinct officials hand-deliver results to the county board of elections

After Election Night

Absentee ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the county board of elections by the return deadline, as well as provisional votes, will be added to the results as they are approved by board during the canvass period after Election Night.

State Board, by a majority vote, may extend voting hours at a polling place if polls are delayed in opening for more than 15 minutes or are interrupted for more than 15 minutes. The Board may extend the closing time by an equal number of minutes.

AFTER ELECTION NIGHT

What is counted after Election Night?

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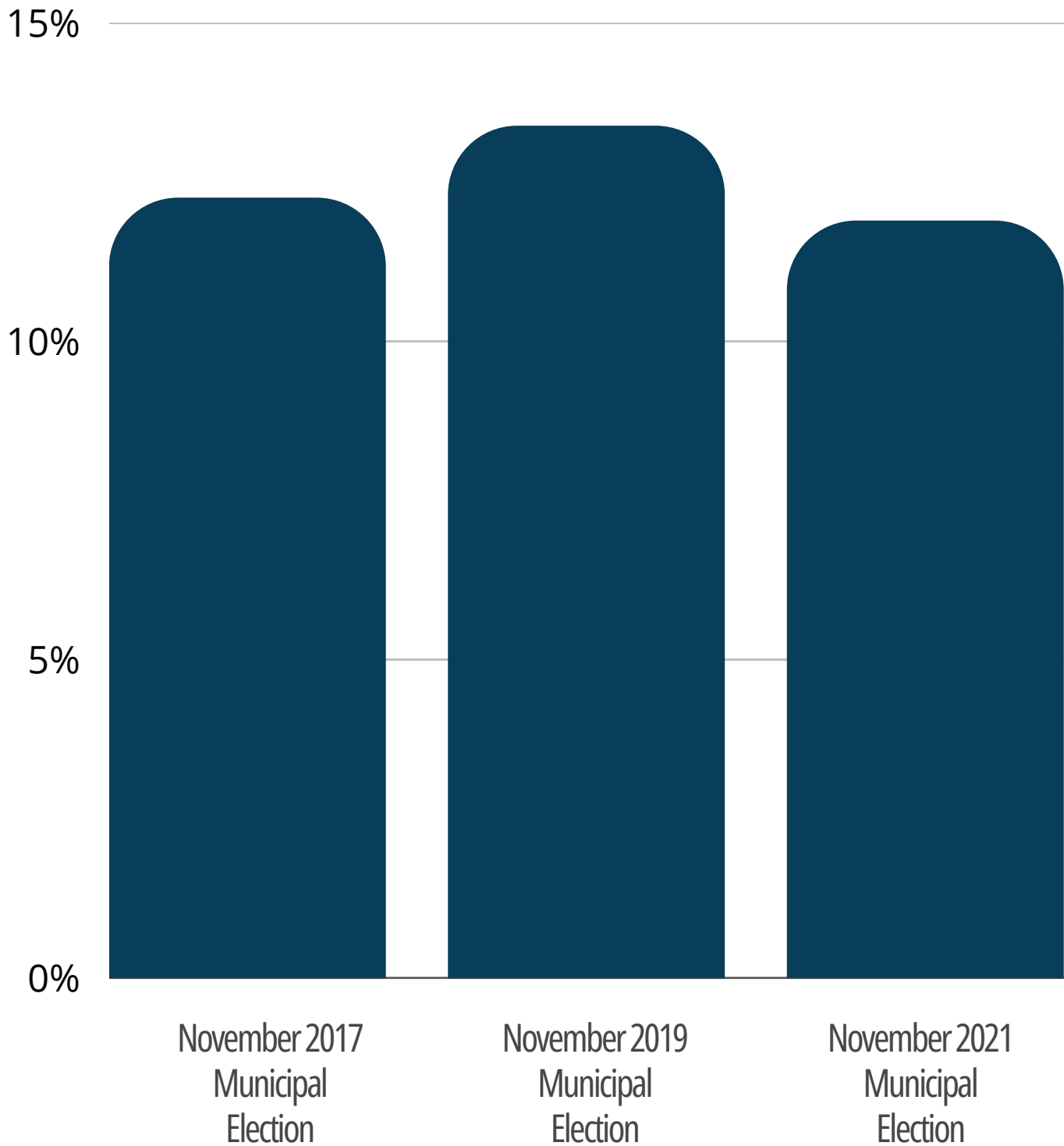
*Ballots postmarked on Election Day and received within 3 days will be accepted

Why are ballots counted after Election Night?

Absentee by mail and Provisional ballots returned on Election Day must be processed and verified before they can be counted and added to the results. In North Carolina, counties have 10 days to process, verify, and count these ballots – this period is known as the Official Election Canvass.

In a countywide election, there could be thousands of ballots left to be counted after polls close. Results reporting can extend past 1:00 am as precincts deliver their results.

Past Turnout



*MORE DATA AVAILABLE AT WWW.FCVOTES.COM

CANVASS: FINALIZING THE VOTE

Election Night

After polling places close at 7:30 PM on Election Day, all election results are secured and transported to be centrally compiled and posted at the Board of Elections, 201 North Chestnut Street Winston Salem, NC 27101. Election Night counts include ballots from precincts as well as One Stop Early Voting and Absentee by-Mail ballots received by Election Day.

Finalizing the Official Vote Tally (Canvass)

Results on election night are unofficial. Canvass is the official process of determining the votes have been counted and tabulated correctly, resulting in the authentication of the official election results.

For close elections, the canvass period is especially important. During this time, elections officials count absentee ballots that came in before the deadline and research provisional ballots to determine whether they should be counted.

In every county, the canvass meeting when the results are certified is 10 days after Election Day. Because elections thrive on transparency, the canvass meeting is open to the public. Unless the county board unanimously votes for another site, the meeting will be held at the county board of elections office, per N.C.G.S. § 163-182.5.

Before the canvass meeting, the board must ensure that the sample hand-to-eye audit count and any discretionary or mandatory recounts have been completed.

Additionally, county boards confirm all eligible ballots have been counted, including:----

- Ballots that were unable to be read in the precinct (ballot jams, torn ballots, etc.)
- Absentee ballots
- Provisional ballots

At the meeting, the board will prepare and sign all relevant, permanent public documents. The county board will retain one copy; a copy will be filed with either the clerk of Superior Court or, in the case of municipal elections, with the municipal clerk; and a copy will be provided to the State Board of Elections.-----

Mandatory Hand-to-Eye Sample Audit

The sample audit count is a test to ensure voting equipment read the voter's choices accurately. It compares the machine counts with hand-to-eye counts conducted by elections officials in randomly selected voting sites. The sample audit count is open to the public and is completed before canvass. The day after the election, the State Board of Elections informs each county of their assigned contest and the two randomly selected samples (Election Day precinct, one-stop site, or absentee by mail ballots) to audit. For a presidential election, the contest audited is always the presidential contest. Selected ballots are hand-counted by a bipartisan team of elections officials.

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VOTER REGISTRATION

HOW CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

- ▲ Complete a [voter registration form](#), and then print and sign the form. Electronic signatures are NOT acceptable. Once finished, mail the form to our office at 201 N Chestnut St Winston Salem, NC 27101
- ▲ The form may also be dropped off in person to the same address Monday-Friday from 8-5 p.m.

HOW CAN I CHECK MY REGISTRATION STATUS?

- ▲ Voters can check their registration status and information online at <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/> or call the Forsyth County Board of Elections at 336-703-2800.

CAN I VOTE IF I MISS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE?

- ▲ Yes. Same-day registration is available for one-stop early voting, which begins after the registration deadline. However, voters who miss the registration deadline will not be able to vote on election day.

HOW AND WHEN SHOULD I UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION?

- ▲ If a voter has moved, changed their name, or wants to change their political party affiliation, they can update their registration on their voter registration card and mail it to the Board of Elections. Alternatively, voters can update their registration by filling out, printing, and signing a new registration form and sending it to the Board of Elections.

VOTE BY MAIL

WHEN CAN I REQUEST MY ABSENTEE BY MAIL BALLOT?

- ▲ Absentee By-Mail requests must be made to the Board of Elections by the Tuesday before the election.

HOW CAN I TRACK MY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT?

- ▲ Once you have requested your absentee ballot, you can track its status from printed to accepted by signing up online for status notifications through [BallotTrax](#)

CAN I REQUEST A MAIL BALLOT FOR SOMEONE ELSE?

- ▲ Yes, a near relative ("near relative" means spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild. § 163-230.2) or legal guardian may request that an absentee ballot be sent to another voter by mail

CAN I RECEIVE ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE THE REQUEST FORM?

- ▲ If a voter, due to disability or illiteracy, is unable to complete the absentee ballot request form, the voter may receive assistance in completing the request form from an individual of the voter's choice.

WHEN DO I NEED TO SUBMIT MY BALLOT?

- ▲ Voters can return their ballot as soon as they receive it.
- ▲ All ballots MUST be postmarked or returned to the Board of Elections by Election Day.
- ▲ The Board of Elections will accept ballots postmarked by Election Day and received within 3 days after Election Day.

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VOTE BY MAIL

MILITARY OR OVERSEAS CITIZENS

- ▲ Active duty military members, their dependents, and U.S. citizens living abroad may request an absentee ballot the same way as other registered voters. They may also apply to register and vote through special programs for military and overseas voters. Military and overseas voters may register and vote through the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) or the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

WHAT ACCESSIBLE VOTING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ABSENTEE BY-MAIL?

- ▲ If you are a blind or visually impaired voter, you can request, mark, and return an accessible absentee ballot online through a system that is compatible with screen readers and that allows for a digital signature. If you live at a facility such as a hospital, clinic, or nursing home, find details about receiving assistance with mail-in voting and other services provided by a multipartisan assistance team (MAT).

IN-PERSON VOTING

CAN I VOTE IN PERSON?

- ▲ Yes. Voters will have the option to vote in person on election day at their assigned precinct, in addition to one-stop early voting and absentee by-mail.

HOW CAN I FIND MY PRECINCT?

- ▲ Visit mapforsyth.org and use the voting districts and precincts tool to view your voting districts and precinct for election day voting.
- ▲ To locate your precinct, consult the list of precinct locations at www.fcvotes.com using your precinct number.

WHEN CAN I VOTE IN PERSON?

- ▲ Municipal Election Day is November 7th 2023. Early In-person voting will be conducted at the Forsyth County Board of Elections from October 19 2023 to November 4 2023

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT'S ON MY BALLOT?

- ▲ Visit https://www.forsyth.cc/Elections/sample_ballot.aspx to see sample ballots for the upcoming election. Voters can view their specific sample ballot from their precinct can view composite sample ballots of all races.

DO I NEED TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION WHEN I VOTE?

- ▲ Beginning with the 2023 municipal elections, North Carolina voters will be asked to show photo ID when they check in to vote. All voters will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID.
- ▲ To learn more about North Carolina's new photo ID requirement, go to ncsbe.gov/voter-ID.