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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM
2 ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE
3 THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE
4 USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER
5 CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF
6 HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF
7 FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY
8 OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE
9 CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE
10 BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO
11 PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
12 REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE
13 ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE
14 PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; AND TO
15 PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF
16 HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN
17 EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.
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19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 **SECTION 1.(a)** In addition to the uses authorized under G.S. 160A-301(a), a
21 municipality may use the proceeds from parking meters on public streets to fund any capital
22 projects.

23 **SECTION 1.(b)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 160A-301(b), a
24 municipality shall use the revenues realized from off-street parking facilities to amortize bonds
25 issued to finance such facilities or to fund any other capital projects.

26 **SECTION 1.(c)** This section applies to the City of Hendersonville only.

27 **SECTION 1.(d)** This section is effective when it becomes law, and the provisions
28 applicable to the proceeds from off-street parking apply to proceeds collected on or after that
29 date.

30 **SECTION 2.(a)** Section 4.2 of the Charter of the City of Hendersonville, being
31 Chapter 874 of the 1971 Session Laws, as amended by City Ordinance No. 1995-06-08 adopted
32 on June 8, 1995, S.L. 2016-15, and Section 1.3 of S.L. 2023-44, reads as rewritten:

33 "Sec. 4.2. ~~Regular Method of Municipal Primaries-Elections.~~ The Mayor and Council
34 Members shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis and results determined by the primary-plurality



1 method as provided in ~~G.S. 163-294~~G.S. 163-292. The filing period shall be the same as for
 2 county officers elected on a partisan basis."

3 **SECTION 2.(b)** Section 4.1 of the Charter of the Village of Flat Rock, being Chapter
 4 48 of the 1995 Session Laws, as amended by Section 1.1 of S.L. 2023-44, reads as rewritten:

5 "Sec. 4.1. **Conduct of Village Elections.** Regular municipal elections shall be held at the
 6 time of the general election in each even-numbered year. Village officers shall be elected on a
 7 nonpartisan basis and results determined by the ~~primary-plurality~~ method as provided in
 8 ~~G.S. 163-294~~G.S. 163-292. The filing period shall be the same as for county officers elected on
 9 a partisan basis. Except as otherwise provided by this act, the election shall be conducted in
 10 accordance with the uniform municipal election laws in Chapter 163 of the General Statutes."

11 **SECTION 2.(c)** Section 4.1 of the Charter of the Town of Fletcher, being Chapter
 12 44 of the 1989 Session Laws, as amended by Section 1.2 of S.L. 2023-44, reads as rewritten:

13 "Sec. 4.1. Conduct of Town elections. Regular municipal elections shall be held at the time
 14 of the general election in each even-numbered year. The Town Council and Mayor shall be
 15 elected on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined by the ~~primary-plurality~~ method as
 16 provided by ~~G.S. 163-294~~; ~~provided that if the City of Hendersonville is scheduled to hold a~~
 17 ~~primary on the sixth Tuesday before the election under G.S. 163-279(a)(2), the nonpartisan~~
 18 ~~primary in the Town of Fletcher shall be on that date.~~G.S. 163-292. The filing period shall be
 19 the same as for county officers elected on a partisan basis. Except as otherwise provided by this
 20 act, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of
 21 North Carolina."

22 **SECTION 2.(d)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to
 23 elections held on or after that date.

24 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 160A-58.1 reads as rewritten:

25 **"§ 160A-58.1. Petition for annexation; standards.**

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27 (b) A noncontiguous area proposed for annexation must meet all of the following
 28 standards:

29 ...

30 (5) The area within the proposed satellite corporate limits, when added to the area
 31 within all other satellite corporate limits, may not exceed ten percent (10%)
 32 of the area within the primary corporate limits of the annexing city.

33 This subdivision does not apply to the Cities of Archdale, Asheboro,
 34 Belmont, Claremont, Concord, Conover, Durham, Elizabeth City, Gastonia,
 35 Greenville, Hickory, Kannapolis, Kings Mountain, Locust, Lowell, Marion,
 36 Mount Airy, Mount Holly, New Bern, Newton, Oxford, Randleman, Roanoke
 37 Rapids, Rockingham, Saluda, Sanford, Salisbury, Shelby, Southport,
 38 Statesville, and Washington and the Towns of Ahoskie, Angier, Apex, Ayden,
 39 Belville, Benson, Bladenboro, Bridgeton, Bunn, Burgaw, Calabash, Carthage,
 40 Catawba, China Grove, Clayton, Columbia, Columbus, Cramerton, Creswell,
 41 Dallas, Dobson, Four Oaks, Franklin, Franklinton, Franklinville,
 42 Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Godwin, Goldston, Granite Quarry, Green Level,
 43 Grimesland, Harrisburg, Holly Ridge, Holly Springs, Hookerton, Hope Mills,
 44 Huntersville, Jamestown, Kenansville, Kenly, Knightdale, Landis, Liberty,
 45 Lillington, Louisburg, Maggie Valley, Maiden, Mayodan, Maysville,
 46 Middlesex, Midland, Mocksville, Morrisville, Mount Pleasant, Nashville,
 47 North Wilkesboro, Norwood, Oak Island, Oakboro, Ocean Isle Beach,
 48 Pembroke, Pine Level, Pollocksville, Princeton, Ramseur, Ranlo, Richlands,
 49 Rockwell, Rolesville, Rutherfordton, Shallotte, Siler City, Smithfield,
 50 Spencer, Spring Lake, Stanley, Stem, Stovall, Surf City, Swansboro,
 51 Taylorsville, Troutman, Troy, Vass, Wallace, Warsaw, Watha, Waynesville,

1 Weldon, Wendell, West Jefferson, Wilson's Mills, Windsor, Wingate,
2 Yadkinville, Youngsville, and Zebulon.

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4 **SECTION 4.(a)** The following described properties, identified by Randolph County
5 Parcel Identification Numbers, are added to the corporate limits of the City of Asheboro:

6 7677 15 6291; 7678 22 9463; 7678 32 7275; 7678 36 8428; 7678 40 9289; 7678 41
7 6419; 7678 50 8381; 7678 51 5400; 7678 62 7658; 7678 65 3318; 7678 87 1097; 7678 67 4202;
8 7678 69 2465; 7678 73 6792; 7678 98 3390; 7678 98 9678; 7688 09 5314; 7668 54 4623; 7668
9 55 8905; 7668 86 0860; 7677 28 7093; 7678 07 5774; 7678 21 2748; 7678 40 1818; 7678 40
10 2273; 7678 50 2254; 7679 20 7881; 7678 08 5025.

11 **SECTION 4.(b)** This section becomes effective June 30, 2024. Property in the
12 territory described in this section as of January 1, 2024, is subject to municipal taxes for taxes
13 imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

14 **SECTION 5.(a)** Section 4 of Chapter 661 of the Session Laws of 1995 is repealed.

15 **SECTION 5.(b)** The boundaries of the Whiteville City School Administrative Unit
16 are as follows:

17 Beginning at the centerline intersection of New Britton Hwy East (Highway 130) and
18 Pleasant Plains Ch Rd (SR 1166) thence westward with the centerline of Pleasant Plains Church
19 Rd to the centerline intersection with Gores Trailer Rd (SR 1157) approximately 935 feet; thence
20 southwesterly with the centerline of Gores Trailer Rd (SR 1157) to the southern property line of
21 Deed Book 727, Page 970, approximately 2,710 feet; thence with said property line in a western
22 direction approximately 630 feet near the end of a ditch; thence running various courses
23 southwesterly with said ditches as of the year of 2020 approximately 2,557 feet to the center of
24 Home Harrelson Rd (SR 1165); thence southeasterly approximately 55 degrees to the eastern
25 line of Deed Book 1043, Page 491; thence with the eastern line of said tract southwardly
26 approximately 358 feet to the eastern corner of Deed Book 562, Page 887; thence with the
27 southern line of said tract westwardly approximately 675 feet to said tract's southwest corner;
28 thence approximately south 55 degrees west 6,274 feet to the western right-of-way of Antioch
29 Church Rd (SR 1162) being the southeast corner of Deed Book 1254, Page 725; thence with the
30 southern line of said tract westwardly to its southwest corner approximately 2,271.5 feet; thence
31 approximately south 45 degrees west 2,148 feet to a point in the run of Beaverdam Swamp said
32 point being inside that property described in Deed Book 1270, Page 522; thence running various
33 courses northwesterly with the run of Beaverdam Swamp approximately 22,000 feet to the
34 northwestern corner of Deed Book 1196, Page 201 Tract 1; thence leaving the run of Beaverdam
35 Swamp in a northern direction to the centerline intersection of Shade Fisher Rd (SR 1336) and
36 Sellers Town Rd (SR 1332) approximately 2,845 feet; thence northwesterly approximately 33
37 degrees to the southwest corner of Deed Book 382, Page 181 Parcel 2 Tract 2; thence with the
38 western line of said tract northerly approximately 1,380 feet to the run of a small branch; thence
39 southwesterly with the run of said branch approximately 317 feet to the southwest corner of Deed
40 Book 299, Page 49 Tract 2; thence leaving said branch with the western line of said deed
41 northwesterly (crossing Brice Ward Rd (SR 1337) at approximately 432 feet) running a total
42 distance of approximately 1,700 feet to the northwest corner of Deed Book 299, Page 49 Tract 1
43 thence running the northern line of said deed southeasterly approximately 781 feet to the
44 southeast corner of Deed Book 828, Page 644 Tract 1; thence northwardly with the eastern line
45 of said tract and Deed Book 828, Page 644 Tract 2 to its northeast corner, approximately 1,300
46 feet, to the southeast corner of Deed Book 1148, Page 195 Tract 6 Parcel 1; thence westwardly
47 approximately 1,331 feet to the southwest corner of Deed Book 1148, Page 195 Tract 6 Parcel
48 2; thence northwardly approximately 725 feet to the most eastern point of Deed Book 1023, Page
49 118; thence northwardly approximately 594 feet (crossing Rough and Ready Rd (SR 1004) at
50 304 feet) to the northern corner of Deed Book 1188, Page 980; thence northwardly approximately
51 604 feet to the run of Five Mile Branch; thence with the run of Five Mile Branch various courses

1 northwardly approximately 8,922 feet to the centerline of Midway Dr (SR 1335); thence
2 continuing northwardly with Five Mile Branch various courses to the centerline of Thompson
3 Town Rd (SR 1428) at an approximately distance of 1,000 feet; thence continuing northwardly
4 with Five Mile Branch various courses approximately 4,370 feet near the intersection of Cedar
5 Branch; thence continuing with Five Mile Branch northwardly approximately 4,000 feet to the
6 northwest corner of Deed Book 1165, Page 774 Parcel 2; thence eastwardly approximately 1,343
7 feet to the southern corner of Deed Book 301, Page 224; thence northeasterly with the western
8 line of Deed Book 348, Page 735 approximately 1,000 feet to the southeast corner of Deed Book
9 1064, Page 90; thence northwardly with the eastern line of said deed approximately 614 feet;
10 thence northwardly with Deed Book 989, Page 557 to the southern right-of-way line of Old Pine
11 Log Rd (SR 1429); thence to the centerline intersection of Old Pine Log Rd (SR 1429) and
12 Midway Rd (SR 1459); thence with the centerline of Midway Rd (SR 1459) northwardly to the
13 centerline intersection of Georgia Pacific Rd (SR 1436) just north of the railroad tracks; thence
14 leaving Georgia Pacific Rd (SR 1436) northwardly approximately 3,438 feet to the southeast
15 corner of Deed Book 1075, Page 927; thence northwardly crossing Chadbourn Hwy (Hwy
16 74/76/130) to the southeast corner of Deed Book 1259, Page 812 Tract A; thence eastwardly with
17 the southern line of Deed Book 1259, Page 812 Tract B approximately 340 feet to the southeast
18 corner of said tract; thence with the eastern line of said tract northwardly approximately 654 feet
19 to its northeast corner; thence northeasterly approximately 820 feet to the centerline intersection
20 of Lynn Hill Rd (SR 1586) and Merritt Rd (SR 1558); thence northwardly approximately 5,700
21 feet to a point in Pine Log Swamp at the northeast corner of Deed Book 930, Page 309; thence
22 westward with the run of Pine Log Swamp running various courses approximately 7,530 feet to
23 the southwest corner of Deed Book 584, Page 796 Tract 2; thence with the western line of said
24 deed northeasterly approximately 890 feet to the southern corner of Deed Book 1147, Page 772
25 Tract 2; thence with the western line of said tract approximately 3,995 feet to the western corner
26 of said tract; thence northeasterly approximately 1,883 feet to the centerline intersection of
27 Peacock Rd (SR 1005) and Smyrna Rd (SR 1552); thence northwesterly with the western line of
28 Deed Book 1092, Page 693 Tract 1 approximately 360 feet to the western corner of Deed Book
29 1092, Page 693 Tract 4; thence northeasterly with the northern line of said tract approximately
30 1,672 feet to a point in Cypress Branch at the southwest corner of Deed Book 842, Page 775;
31 thence northwestwardly with the run of Cypress Branch approximately 6,250 feet near the
32 intersection of the run of Prong Swamp; thence northeasterly with the run of Western Prong
33 Swamp approximately 12,450 feet to a point in the centerline of Bill Hooks Rd (SR 1546) near
34 a bridge just north of Deed Book 934, Page 656 Tract 7; thence leaving Bill Hooks Rd (SR 1546)
35 with the run of Western Prong Swamp approximately 1,130 feet to the run of Powell's Mill
36 Branch at the southeast corner of Deed Book 1055, Page 163; thence northwardly with the run
37 of Powell's Mill Branch running various courses approximately 3,050 feet to the centerline of
38 Silver Spoon Rd (SR 1003) at a bridge thence continuing northwardly running various courses
39 with Powell's Mill Branch approximately 4,560 feet to the southwest corner of Deed Book 430,
40 Page 346; thence with the run of Baldwin Branch northwesterly approximately 2,750 feet to the
41 centerline of Greens Mill Rd (SR 1530); thence leaving said road and continuing with Baldwin
42 Branch northwesterly approximately 3,740 feet to the centerline of Mount Olive Rd (SR 1532);
43 thence leaving said road continuing with Baldwin Branch westward approximately 3,758 feet to
44 the southwest corner of Deed Book 920, Page 551; thence northwardly with the western line of
45 said tract approximately 1,238 feet to the southwest corner of Deed Book 942, Page 242; thence
46 with the western line of said tract approximately 630 feet to the southern corner of Deed Book
47 1243, Page 827; thence northwardly with the western line of said tract approximately 2,058 feet
48 to the centerline of Arthur Collier Rd (SR 1519); thence westward with the centerline of said
49 road approximately 190 feet to the southeast corner of Deed Book 682, page 415; thence
50 northwest with the eastern line of said tract and beyond to the Columbus county line; thence
51 eastwardly with said county line approximately 49,540 feet near the eastern line of Deed Book

1 958, Page 410 Tract 2; thence southwesterly leaving the county line to the eastern corner of Deed
2 Book 1240, Page 10 Tract 1; thence southwesterly with the southern line of said tract
3 approximately 3,180 feet to the centerline of Red Hill Rd (SR 1700) near a bridge; thence leaving
4 said road in a southwestwardly direction running various courses with the run of the White Marsh
5 Swamp to the northern corner of Deed Book 301, Page 747 at the old blazed line per Plat Book
6 21, Page 42; thence westward with said tract approximately 106 feet to the run of Cypress
7 Branch; thence running westwardly with said branch various courses approximately 4,020 feet
8 to the southeast corner of Deed Book 1188, Page 904 Tract 1; thence westward approximately
9 677 feet to the southwest corner of Deed Book 1188, Page 904 Tract 1; thence north
10 approximately 36 feet to the southeast corner of Deed Book 1191, Page 847; thence westward
11 with the southern line of said tract approximately 227 feet to its southwest corner; thence
12 northwestwardly approximately 65 feet to the centerline intersection of New Britton Highway
13 East (Hwy 130) and Pleasant Plains Ch Rd (SR 1166) being the point and place of beginning.

14 **SECTION 6.(a)** Article 3 of Chapter 47C of the General Statutes is amended by
15 adding a new section to read as follows:

16 "**§ 47C-3-121.1. Displays of Armed Forces and first responder flags.**

17 (a) Notwithstanding any provision in any declaration of covenants, no restriction on the
18 use of land shall be construed to regulate or prohibit the display of any flag of a branch of the
19 Armed Forces of the United States of America or any first responder flag, having a size no greater
20 than 4 feet by 6 feet, unless:

21 (1) For restrictions registered prior to October 1, 2023, the restriction uses the
22 following terms to specify each branch of the Armed Forces and each of the
23 first responders whose flag display is regulated or prohibited:

- 24 a. The United States Air Force.
- 25 b. The United States Army.
- 26 c. The United States Coast Guard.
- 27 d. The United States Marines.
- 28 e. The United States Navy.
- 29 f. The United States Space Force.
- 30 g. Police officers.
- 31 h. Corrections officers.
- 32 i. Firefighters.
- 33 j. 911 dispatchers.
- 34 k. EMS personnel.

35 (2) For restrictions registered on or after October 1, 2023, the restriction shall be
36 written on the first page of the instrument or conveyance in print that is in
37 boldface type, capital letters, and no smaller than the largest print used
38 elsewhere in the instrument or conveyance. The restriction shall be construed
39 to regulate or prohibit the display of the flag of a branch of the Armed Forces
40 of the United States or of a first responder only if the restriction uses the
41 following language: "**THIS DOCUMENT REGULATES OR PROHIBITS**
42 **THE DISPLAY OF THE FLAG OF [INSERT HERE THE NAME OF**
43 **EACH BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES AND EACH OF THE FIRST**
44 **RESPONDERS WHOSE FLAG IS SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTION]**".

45 (b) As used in this section, "first responder flag" means any of the following flags:

- 46 (1) Police officers first responder flag – A flag with a horizontal blue stripe
47 centered vertically on a black background or a United States flag with a blue
48 stripe replacing the first white stripe below the stars.
- 49 (2) Corrections officers first responder flag – A United States flag with a gray
50 stripe replacing the first white stripe below the stars.

- 1 (3) Firefighters first responder flag – A United States flag with a red stripe
2 replacing the first white stripe below the stars.
- 3 (4) 911 dispatchers first responder flag – A United States flag with a yellow stripe
4 replacing the first white stripe below the stars.
- 5 (5) EMS personnel first responder flag – A United States flag with one of the
6 following replacing the first white stripe below the stars:
- 7 a. A white stripe obviously whiter than the other white stripes.
8 b. A white stripe bordered by blue at the top and bottom.
- 9 (c) This section shall apply to the display of flags by unit owners on property owned
10 exclusively by them or limited common elements allocated to their exclusive use and does not
11 apply to the display of flags on common areas, easements, rights-of-way, or other areas owned
12 by others."

13 **SECTION 6.(b)** Article 3 of Chapter 47F of the General Statutes is amended by
14 adding a new section to read as follows:

15 **"§ 47F-3-121.1. Displays of Armed Forces and first responder flags.**

16 (a) Notwithstanding any provision in any declaration of covenants, no restriction on the
17 use of land shall be construed to regulate or prohibit the display of any flag of a branch of the
18 Armed Forces of the United States of America or any first responder flag, having a size no greater
19 than 4 feet by 6 feet, unless:

- 20 (1) For restrictions registered prior to October 1, 2023, the restriction uses the
21 following terms to specify each branch of the Armed Forces and each of the
22 first responders whose flag display is regulated or prohibited:
- 23 a. The United States Air Force.
24 b. The United States Army.
25 c. The United States Coast Guard.
26 d. The United States Marines.
27 e. The United States Navy.
28 f. The United States Space Force.
29 g. Police officers.
30 h. Corrections officers.
31 i. Firefighters.
32 j. 911 dispatchers.
33 k. EMS personnel.
- 34 (2) For restrictions registered on or after October 1, 2023, the restriction shall be
35 written on the first page of the instrument or conveyance in print that is in
36 boldface type, capital letters, and no smaller than the largest print used
37 elsewhere in the instrument or conveyance. The restriction shall be construed
38 to regulate or prohibit the display of the flag of a branch of the Armed Forces
39 of the United States or of a first responder only if the restriction specifically
40 states: "**THIS DOCUMENT REGULATES OR PROHIBITS THE**
41 **DISPLAY OF THE FLAG OF THE [INSERT HERE THE NAME OF**
42 **EACH BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES AND EACH OF THE FIRST**
43 **RESPONDERS WHOSE FLAG IS SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTION]**".
- 44 (b) As used in this section, "first responder flag" means any of the following flags:
- 45 (1) Police officers first responder flag – A flag with a horizontal blue stripe
46 centered vertically on a black background, or a United States flag with a blue
47 stripe replacing the first white stripe below the stars.
- 48 (2) Corrections officers first responder flag – A United States flag with a gray
49 stripe replacing the first white stripe below the stars.
- 50 (3) Firefighters first responder flag – A United States flag with a red stripe
51 replacing the first white stripe below the stars.

- 1 (4) 911 dispatchers first responder flag – A United States flag with a yellow stripe
2 replacing the first white stripe below the stars.
3 (5) EMS personnel first responder flag – A United States flag with one of the
4 following replacing the first white stripe below the stars:

- 5 a. A white stripe obviously whiter than the other white stripes.
6 b. A white stripe bordered by blue at the top and bottom.

7 (c) This section shall apply to the display of flags by or with permission of lot owners on
8 property owned exclusively by them or limited common elements allocated to their exclusive
9 use, and does not apply to the display of flags on common areas, easements, rights-of-way, or
10 other areas owned by others."

11 **SECTION 6.(c)** This section applies only to planned communities and
12 condominiums located in Union County.

13 **SECTION 6.(d)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2023, and applies to the
14 display of flags occurring on or after that date.

15 **SECTION 7.(a)** Section 3.6 of the Charter of the Town of Hookerton, being Chapter
16 253 of the 1985 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

17 "Sec. 3.6. Elections. ~~Elections~~ Regular municipal elections in the Town of Hookerton shall
18 be held at the time of the general election in each even-numbered year. Elections shall be
19 conducted in accordance with Subchapter IX of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, on a
20 nonpartisan basis and the results determined by the nonpartisan plurality method in accordance
21 with G.S. 163-292. Except as otherwise provided by this act, the election shall be conducted in
22 accordance with the uniform municipal election laws in Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

23 A Mayor shall be elected ~~in 1985 and biennially thereafter~~ for a two-year term. ~~Two~~ Four
24 Commissioners shall be elected ~~in 1985 and quadrennially thereafter for four-year terms, and two~~
25 ~~Commissioners shall be elected in 1987 and quadrennially thereafter for~~ staggered four-year
26 terms."

27 **SECTION 7.(b)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of
28 Hookerton in 2025. The terms of office for each commissioner and mayor serving on January 1,
29 2025, shall be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town
30 of Hookerton in even-numbered years beginning in 2026 as terms expire.

31 **SECTION 7.(c)** In 2026 and biennially thereafter, a mayor shall be elected to serve
32 a two-year term. In 2026 and quadrennially thereafter, two commissioners shall be elected to
33 serve four-year terms. In 2028 and quadrennially thereafter, two commissioners shall be elected
34 to serve four-year terms.

35 **SECTION 7.(d)** This section is effective January 1, 2025, and applies to elections
36 held on or after that date.

37 **SECTION 8.(a)** Section 5 of the Charter of the Town of Walstonburg, being Chapter
38 45 of the Private Laws of 1913, reads as rewritten:

39 "Sec. 5. ~~That an election shall be held in said town on Tuesday next after the first Monday of~~
40 ~~May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and biennially thereafter,~~
41 ~~for the election of a mayor and commissioners of said town, under the rules and regulations~~
42 ~~prescribed for said town elections in chapter seventy three of the Revisal of one thousand nine~~
43 ~~hundred and five.~~ The Town of Walstonburg shall elect a mayor and five commissioners who
44 shall each serve a two-year term. Regular municipal elections shall be held at the time of the
45 general election in each even-numbered year. Elections shall be on a nonpartisan plurality basis
46 and the results determined in accordance with G.S. 163-292. Except as otherwise provided by
47 this act, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws
48 in Chapter 163 of the General Statutes."

49 **SECTION 8.(b)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of
50 Walstonburg in 2025. The terms of office for the five commissioners and mayor elected in 2023

1 whose terms are set to expire in 2025 shall be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections
2 shall be conducted in the Town of Walstonburg in even-numbered years beginning in 2026.

3 **SECTION 8.(c)** In 2026 and biennially thereafter, a mayor and five commissioners
4 shall be elected to serve a two-year term.

5 **SECTION 8.(d)** This section is effective January 1, 2025, and applies to elections
6 held on or after that date.

7 **SECTION 9.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person, group of
8 persons, or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
9 applications of this act that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application and,
10 to this end, the provisions of this act are severable.

11 **SECTION 10.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
12 law.