

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 586  
HOUSE BILL 814

AN ACT TO REVISE THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LAURINBURG.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Charter of the City of Laurinburg is rewritten to read:

"CHAPTER I.

"INCORPORATION AND CORPORATE POWERS.

"Sec. 1-1. **Incorporation and Corporate Powers.** The inhabitants of the City of Laurinburg are a body corporate and politic under the name of the 'City of Laurinburg'. Under that name they have all the powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities conferred and imposed on cities by the general law of North Carolina.

"CHAPTER II.

"CORPORATE BOUNDARIES.

"Sec. 2-1. **City Boundaries.** The boundaries of the City of Laurinburg are set out on a map entitled 'Boundary Map of the City of Laurinburg, North Carolina'. The map is maintained in the office of the City Clerk, as required by G.S. 160A-22.

"CHAPTER III.

"GOVERNING BODY.

"Sec. 3-1. **Structure of Governing Body; Number of Members.** The governing body of the City of Laurinburg is the City Council, which has five members and a mayor.

"Sec. 3-2. **Manner of Election of Council.** The qualified voters of the entire City elect the members of the City Council.

"Sec. 3-3. **Term of Office of Members of the City Council.** Members of the Council are elected to two-year and four-year terms. In 1989, and each two years thereafter, three members of the Council shall be elected. The two members receiving the larger number of votes shall serve for a term of four years and the remaining member so elected shall serve the term of two years.

"Sec. 3-4. **Election of Mayor; Term of Office; Voting Rights.** The qualified voters of the entire City shall elect the Mayor. He is elected to a two-year term of office. The Mayor shall not vote on any question before the Council except in case of a tie vote deadlocking a decision of the Council.

"CHAPTER IV.

"ELECTIONS.

"Sec. 4-1. **Conduct of City Elections.** City officers shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis, and the results determined by plurality as provided by G.S. 163-292.

"CHAPTER V.

"ADMINISTRATION.

"Sec. 5-1. **City to Operate under Council-Manager Plan.** The City of Laurinburg shall operate under the Council Manager Plan as provided in Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, Article 7, Part 2. The positions of City Clerk, City Tax Collector and Treasurer, formerly appointed by the Governing Body, shall be appointed by the City Manager."

Sec. 2. The following local acts, having served their purpose, are repealed in their application to the City of Laurinburg:

Chapter 92, Public Laws of 1876-77  
Chapter 144, Private Laws of 1883  
Chapter 39, Private Laws of 1885  
Chapter 220, Private Laws of 1889  
Chapters 183 and 192, Private Laws of 1891  
Chapter 206, Private Laws of 1897  
Chapters 124 and 366, Private Laws of 1901  
Chapter 229, Private Laws of 1905  
Chapters 126, 306, and 427, Private Laws of 1907  
Chapter 20, Private Laws, Extra Session of 1908  
Chapter 558, Public Laws of 1909  
Chapter 203, Private Laws of 1909  
Chapter 623, Public-Local Laws of 1911  
Chapters 175, 177 and 334, Private Laws of 1911  
Chapters 117 and 125, Private Laws of 1913  
Chapters 75 and 250, Private Laws of 1915  
Chapter 95, Private Laws of 1921  
Chapter 149, Private Laws of 1925  
Chapter 39, Private Laws of 1927  
Chapters 15 and 38, Private Laws of 1929  
Chapter 70, Private Laws of 1935  
Chapter 365, Public-Local Laws of 1939  
Chapter 451, Public-Local Laws of 1941  
Chapters 441 and 634, Session Laws of 1947  
Chapters 282, 501, and 585, Session Laws of 1949  
Chapters 5, 946, and 1142, Session Laws of 1951  
Section 1 of Chapter 226, and Chapters 377 and 1256, Session Laws of 1953  
Chapter 694, Session Laws of 1955, except for Section 36  
Chapter 983, Session Laws of 1961  
Chapter 1204, Session Laws of 1963  
Chapter 143, Session Laws of 1981.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification. This act does not affect the terms of office of the current Council members.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of July, 1989.