

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 358  
HOUSE BILL 958

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF DORTCHES IN NASH COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** The Town of Dortches, as described in the charter enacted by Section 2 of this act, is hereby incorporated.

**Sec. 2.** The Charter of the Town of Dortches reads as follows:

"THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DORTCHES.

"CHAPTER I.

"INCORPORATION AND CORPORATE POWERS.

"Section 1.1. Incorporation and corporate powers. The inhabitants of the Town of Dortches are a body corporate and politic under the name of the 'Town of Dortches'. 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. Town boundaries. Until modified in accordance with law, the boundaries of the Town of Dortches are a circle with a radius of one and one-half miles with its center at the intersection of N. C. 43 and State Secondary Road 1527 (also known as the 'Halifax Road').

"CHAPTER III.

"GOVERNING BODY.

"Sec. 3.1. Structure of governing body; number of members. The governing body of the Town of Dortches is the board of commissioners, which has four members, and the mayor.

"Sec. 3.2. Manner of election of board; term of office. The qualified voters of the entire town elect the members of the board. Members of the board are elected to four-year terms.

"Sec. 3.3. Election of mayor; term of office. The qualified voters of the entire town elect the mayor. He is elected to a four-year term of office.

"CHAPTER IV.

"ELECTIONS.

"Sec. 4.1. Conduct of town elections. Town officers shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined by a majority of votes cast, with a run-off election if necessary, as provided by G.S. 163-293.

"CHAPTER V.

**"ADMINISTRATION.**

"Sec. 5.1. Town to operate under mayor-council plan. The Town of Dortches operates under the mayor-council plan as provided in G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 7, Part 3."

**Sec. 3.** The initial election for mayor and board of commissioners of the Town of Dortches shall be held at the time of municipal elections in 1977. The Nash County Board of Elections shall conduct the election, and the election and run-off election method of election shall be used. The board of elections shall determine the eligible voters of the town pursuant to G.S. 163-288.2. The filing fee for this election shall be five dollars (\$5.00).

**Sec. 4.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of May, 1977.