

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 296  
HOUSE BILL 658

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS FOR THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** Chapter 220, Session Laws of 1953, is rewritten to add a new section to read:

"Sec. 4.1. Council-Manager form of government. (a) The town shall operate under the council-manager form of government in accordance with Part 2 of Article 7, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes. The town board of commissioners shall appoint a town manager, who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The manager shall be chosen on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications, with special reference to actual experience in or knowledge of accepted practice with respect to the duties of a town manager. At the time of appointment, the manager need not be a resident of the town or State, but during his tenure of office shall reside within the town. The manager shall receive such compensation as the board may establish.

(b) The town manager shall be the administrative head of the town government, and shall be responsible to the board for the proper administration of all affairs of the town. Except as otherwise provided by this act, the town manager shall have all powers and duties assigned or delegated to a town manager by State law. The town manager shall appoint and may remove all town employees except the town clerk and the town attorney, and shall also perform such other duties as are prescribed by the board."

**Sec. 2.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of May, 1981.