

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 287
SENATE BILL 322

AN ACT TO REWRITE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF STONEVILLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Charter of the Town of Stoneville is revised and rewritten to read:

"The Charter of the Town of Stoneville

CHAPTER 1.

Incorporation and Corporate Powers

Section 1. Incorporation and Corporate Powers. The Town of Stoneville, heretofore incorporated by the General Assembly, shall continue to operate as a body politic and corporate under the name of the 'Town of Stoneville.' Under that name, the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneville have all the powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities conferred and imposed on cities by the general law of North Carolina, by local law and by this Charter.

CHAPTER II.

Corporate Boundaries

Section 1. Town Boundaries. The corporate limits of the Town shall be those existing at the time of ratification of this Charter, as the same are set forth on the official map of Stoneville, and as the same may be altered from time to time in accordance with law. An official map of the Town, showing the current Town boundaries, shall be maintained permanently (as required by G.S. 160A-22) in the office of the Town Clerk, and shall be available for public inspection. Upon alteration of the corporate boundaries made pursuant to law, the corresponding changes to the official map of the Town shall be made.

CHAPTER III.

Governing Body

Section 1. Structure of Governing Body: Number of Members. The governing board of the Town of Stoneville is the Town Council, which has five members, and the Mayor.

Sec. 2. Manner of Election of Council. The qualified voters of the entire Town elect the members of the Council.

Sec. 3. Term of Office of Members of Council. Members of the Council are elected to two-year terms.

Sec. 4. Election of Mayor, Term of Office. The qualified voters of the entire Town elect the Mayor, who shall be elected to a two-year term of office.

CHAPTER IV.

Elections

Section 1. Conduct of Town Elections. Town officers shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined by plurality, as provided by G.S. 163-292.

Sec. 2. Time of Elections. Regular municipal elections shall be held in the Town every two years in odd-numbered years, and shall be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina.

CHAPTER V.

Administration

Section 1. Town to Operate Under Council-Manager Plan.

The Town of Stoneville operates under the council-manager plan as provided in G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 7, Part 2.

Sec. 2. Town Manager. The Town Council shall appoint a Town Manager who shall be the administrative head of Town government, and who shall be responsible to the Council for the proper administration of the affairs of the Town. The Town Manager shall hold office at the pleasure of the Council, and shall receive such compensation as the Council shall determine.

Sec. 3. Town Attorney. The Town Council shall appoint a Town Attorney who shall be licensed to engage in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and who shall serve at its pleasure and shall be its legal advisor.

Sec. 4. Tax Collector. As provided in G.S. 105-349, the Council shall either appoint a tax collector or confer the duties of tax collector upon a qualified employee appointed by the Manager.

Sec. 5. Town Clerk. The Manager shall appoint a Clerk to keep a journal of the proceedings of the Council, to maintain in a safe place all records and documents pertaining to the affairs of the Town, and to perform such other duties as may be required by law or as the Board may direct.

Sec. 6. Other Administrative Officers and Employees.

Consistent with applicable State laws, the Town Council may establish other positions, provide for the appointment of other administrative officers and employees, and generally organize the Town government in order to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the affairs of the Town."

Sec. 2. (a) The following laws are repealed:

- (1) Chapter 183, Public Laws of 1876-77.
- (2) Chapter 130, Private Laws of 1889.
- (3) Chapter 24, Private Laws of 1903.
- (4) Chapter 99, Private Laws, Extra Session of 1920.
- (5) Section 1 of Chapter 666, Session Laws of 1981.

(b) The following laws are saved:

- (1) Chapter 87, Private Laws of 1935.

- (2) Chapter 235, Public-Local Laws of 1941.
- (3) Chapter 336, Session Laws of 1975.
- (4) Section 173, Session Laws of 1979.
- (5) Section 2 of Chapter 666, Session Laws of 1981.
- (6) Chapter 769, Session Laws of 1947.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 9th day of May, 1983.