



North Carolina Municipal Notice of Candidacy

Use this form to place your name on ballot
as a candidate in a municipal election.

Election information

1 Title of the office sought CITY OF HICKORY MAYOR
District or ward (if applicable) 5
Election Municipal Election date (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/07/2025

Candidate information

You must provide your **full legal name** in this section. This information will be public.

2 Last name GUESS Suffix (Jr, Sr., II, III, IV) _____
First name HANK Middle name L
Name to appear on ballot Hank Guess
Campaign phone number (828) 294-7757 Campaign email HGUESS@CHARTER.NET

Residential address

This information will be public.

3 Address (not P.O. Box) 5142 HARRIS FARM RD
City HICKORY State NC Zip 28602
County CATAWBA

Mailing address

This information will be public.

4 ☒ Same as above
Address or P.O. Box _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Candidate's pledge

Check 1 box and complete the pledge that applies to the office that you are seeking candidacy for.

5 ☐ I am filing for a partisan contest:
I hereby file notice as a candidate for nomination as _____
in the _____ party primary election to be held on (mm/dd/yyyy) _____.
I affiliate with the _____ party (and I certify that I am now registered on the registration records of the precinct in which I reside as an affiliate of the _____ party).
I pledge that I have been affiliated with that party for at least 90 days as of the date of the filing of the notice of candidacy. I pledge that if I am defeated in the primary, I will not run for the same office as a write-in candidate in the next general election.

☒ I am filing for a non-partisan contest:
I hereby file notice that I am a candidate for election to the office of CITY OF HICKORY MAYOR (at large)
(for the _____ Ward) in the regular municipal election to be held in _____
(municipality) on (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/07/2025.

Felony disclosure

6 Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If you have been convicted of a felony, you must complete a **Candidate Felony Disclosure** form within **48 hours** of submitting this notice (G.S. 163-106). The required form can be obtained from any election office or from the NC State Board of Elections website at www.NCSBE.gov. A prior felony conviction does not preclude holding elected office if rights of citizenship have been restored. Felony conviction need not be disclosed if the conviction was dismissed as a result of reversal on appeal or resulted in a pardon of innocence or expungement.

Affidavit attesting to nickname

Complete only if you would like an acceptable nickname to appear on the ballot in lieu of your legal name.

Even if your nickname is accepted, your legal last name will still appear on the ballot.

I, _____, have been duly sworn, hereby state under oath that I have been commonly known by the nickname _____ for at least five years and request that my name be placed on the ballot as follows: _____
In the event that another candidate with the same last name as mine files notice of candidacy for the same office for which I am a candidate, my name should be listed as: _____

State of North Carolina, _____ County.

I hereby certify that _____, the candidate who signed this Affidavit attesting to nickname, personally appeared before me this day and signed this document in my presence.

7 Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____.

Name of notary _____

My commission expires (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Notary, sign here

X

Acknowledgment of notice of candidacy

This section must be completed by the chair, secretary, or director of the board of elections, or by a notary. See G.S. 163-294.2(a)

The notice of candidacy shall be either signed in the presence of the chairman or secretary of the board of elections or the director of elections of that county, or signed and acknowledged before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments who shall certify the notice under seal. An acknowledged and certified notice may be mailed to the board of elections.

State of North Carolina, Catawba County.

I hereby certify that Hank Guess, the candidate who signed this notice of candidacy, personally appeared before me this day and signed this document in my presence or acknowledged his/her signature to be the same.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of July, 2025

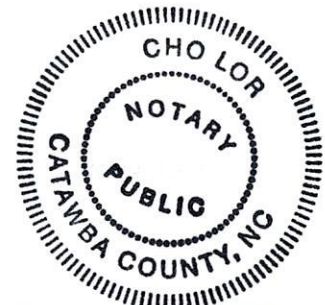
8 Name of certifying officer or notary Cho Lor

Title of certifying officer Notary

My commission expires (mm/dd/yyyy) 2/19/2029

Certifying officer or notary, sign here

X



Candidate's certification

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I Felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

I swear or affirm that the statements on this form are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge or belief.

Candidate, sign and date here (Required)

9 X [Signature] Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 07/07/2025

Sign and date this section in the presence of the chair, secretary, or director of the board of elections, or the notary from section 8.

Submit this form to the board of elections in the county in which you plan to be a candidate.