

General Candidate Requirements

Catawba County Local Offices

Unless otherwise specified, all candidates must be registered voters, qualified to vote in an election for the office sought, and 21 years old by the date of the general election. The following table lists additional requirements for certain offices.

Office	Information
CATAWBA COUNTY PARTISAN OFFICES	
Board of Commissioners	<p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Board Members • NC Constitution Article VI, Sec 4 <p>Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years starting first Monday in December following election • Staggered terms: 2 seats during presidential election year, 3 seats during midterm election year <p>Fee: 1% of office's base salary the year of the election</p>
Sheriff	<p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCGS § 162, NC Constitution Article VI, Sec 6 <p>Additional Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a resident of the county one year immediately preceding election to office (NCGS § 162-2) • A person is not eligible to serve as a sheriff in North Carolina if they have been convicted of a felony, even if they've completed their sentence or had the conviction expunged from their record. (Session Law 2021-107) • At time of filing, must provide an official disclosure statement from the NC Administrative Office of the Courts and the NC Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission. Statement must have been completed within 90 days of filing <p>Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years beginning first Monday in December following election • Election is held during midterm election year <p>Fee: 1% of office's base salary the year of the election</p>
Register of Deeds	<p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCGS § 161, NC Constitution Article VI Sec 6 <p>Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years beginning first Monday in December following election • Election is held during presidential election year <p>Fee: 1% of office's base salary the year of the election</p>
Clerk of Superior Court	<p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC Constitution Article IV, Sec 9 and Article VI Sec 6 <p>Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years beginning first Monday in December following election • Election is held during midterm election year <p>Fee: 1% of office's base salary the year of the election</p>

Catawba County School Board	<p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Board Members • NCGA Session Law 2023-32 <p>Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years starting first Monday in December following election • Staggered terms: 3 seats during presidential election year, 4 seats during midterm election year <p>Fee: \$10.00</p>
Newton-Conover School Board	<p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Board Members: 3 from Newton district, 3 from Conover district • NCGA Session Law 2023-32 <p>Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years starting first Monday in December following election • Conover District staggered terms: 2 seats during presidential election year, 1 seat during midterm election year • Newton District staggered terms: 1 seat during presidential election year, 2 seats during midterm election year <p>Fee: \$5.00</p>
Hickory Public School Board	<p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Board Members: 6 school ward seats and 1 At-Large seat • May only file for the school ward of residence or reside within Hickory City Limits for At-Large seat • NCGA Session Law 2023-32 <p>Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years starting first Monday in December following election • Staggered terms: Wards 4, 6, and At-Large seat during presidential election year. Wards 1, 2, 3, 5 during midterm election year. • Ward 5 extends into Burke County. Burke County candidates file with Burke County elections office <p>Fee: \$5.00</p>
CATAWBA COUNTY NON-PARTISAN COUNTY OFFICES	
Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors	<p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District shall consist of 3 elected members and 2 appointed members • NCGS § 139-6 and § 139-7 <p>Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years beginning first Monday in December following election • Staggered terms: 1 elected seat and 1 appointed seat during presidential election year, 2 elected seats and 1 appointed seat during midterm election year <p>Fee: \$5.00</p>

Municipality	Offices	Information
CATAWBA COUNTY NONPARTISAN MUNICIPAL OFFICES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elections are held on odd-numbered years Candidate must be registered voter, qualified to vote in office sought, and 21 years old by date of general election 4-year terms begin first Monday in December following election (Exception: see Town of Maiden terms) 		
Town of Brookford	Mayor 4 Aldermen	Offices on ballot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Aldermen BEFORE the presidential election year Mayor and 2 Aldermen AFTER the presidential election year Fee: \$5.00
Town of Catawba	Mayor 4 Councilmen	Offices on ballot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor and 2 Councilmen BEFORE the presidential election year 2 Councilmen AFTER the presidential election year Fee: \$5.00
City of Claremont	Mayor 5 Councilmen	Offices on ballot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Councilmen BEFORE the presidential election year Mayor and 2 Councilmen AFTER the presidential election year Fee: \$5.00
City of Conover	Mayor 5 Councilmen	Offices on ballot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Councilmen BEFORE the presidential election year Mayor and 2 Councilmen AFTER the presidential election year Fee: \$5.00
City of Hickory	Mayor 6 Aldermen	Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Alderman represents 1 of 6 Hickory Wards Offices on ballot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wards 1, 2, 3 BEFORE the presidential election year Mayor and Wards 4, 5, 6 AFTER the presidential election year If more than two people file for office, a primary will be required In a Primary, residents vote only for candidates of their ward. In the General Election, all Hickory residents for all Aldermen seats on the ballot Fee: \$12.00
Town of Long View	Mayor 5 Aldermen	Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Alderman represents 1 of 5 Long View Wards Offices on ballot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wards 1, 3, 4 BEFORE the presidential election year Mayor and Wards 2, 5 AFTER the presidential election year Residents vote only for Alderman candidates of their ward Fee: \$5.00
Town of Maiden	Mayor 5 Councilmen	Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor serves a 2-year term First and 2nd place Councilmen winners serve a 4-year term. The Councilman receiving the 3rd most votes serves a 2-year term Offices on ballot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor and 3 Councilmen each election Fee: \$5.00
City of Newton	Mayor 6 Council Members	Offices on ballot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor and 3 Council members BEFORE the presidential election year 3 Council members AFTER the presidential election year Fee: \$5.00