Notice of 2025 Hickory Ward 5 Primary Election Catawba County, North Carolina

A Hickory Municipal Primary will be held Tuesday, October 7, 2025 for the residents of Hickory City Ward 5 only. There is one item on the ballot for Hickory Ward 5 Alderman. The two candidates receiving the most votes advance to the November 4th Municipal Election.

Voters will be asked to show photo ID when checking in. All voters will be allowed to vote with or without ID. Voters who lack ID can get one for free from their county board of elections or from the NC DMV. Find out more at ncsbe.gov/voter-id.

Election day polling locations will be open from 6:30am until 7:30pm. Five precinct sites will be open: Pct 11-College Park, Pct 13-Greenmont, Pct 14-Oakwood, Pct 26-Oakland Heights, and Pct 36-Viewmont 1. Electioneering is not permitted within a 50 foot buffer zone as measured from the outside entry door. Curbside voting is available at all locations for voters with physical disabilities or because of age. A list of precinct names and polling addresses are available at the Catawba County Board of Elections office and online: www.CatawbaCountyNC.gov/elections.

Qualified Hickory Ward 5 voters in the following two precincts will vote at the listed location instead of their usual polling site for this Primary (for the November municipal election, they will vote at their usual site):

- Long View 1 (Pct 17) will vote Oct 7th at Oakland Heights Baptist Church, 808 11th St NW, Hickory
- Northwest (Pct 39) will vote Oct 7th at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 52 16th Ave NW, Hickory.

City of Hickory residents living in Burke County should contact Burke County Board of Elections for voting information.

Absentee voting by mail will be allowed. Requests for an absentee ballot must be submitted using the online portal (VoteByMail.ncsbe.gov) or on a state authorized request form and received in the Catawba County Board of Elections office by 5:00 PM on September 23rd, 2025. Ballots will be mailed by the Board of Elections office beginning September 5th and ending September 23rd.

Early Voting begins Thursday, Sep 18, ending Saturday, Oct 4, at Highland Recreation Center (in lieu of elections office) located at 1451 8th St Dr NE, Hickory. Early Voting hours: weekdays 8am-5pm (closed weekends except for the final day, Saturday, Oct 4th, 8am-3pm).

Hickory Ward 5 residents who are not registered to vote must register on or before 5pm, September 12th, 2025 to be eligible to vote election day. Same-day registration at Early Voting will be permitted with proper identification and proof of residency. Any voter who has moved outside his or her precinct but within the county since the last election should submit a new registration/change of address form to the board of elections office by September 12th.

Election Board Members will meet 8:15am on Sep 9th, 16th, Sep 23. Sep 30, and 5pm Oct 6th and other times as may be necessary for the purpose of approving absentee ballot applications pursuant to NCGS 163.230.1(e). The Board will meet 5pm, Oct 10 to approve absentee supplementals and provisional ballots. Other business may be transacted by the board at this time. The Board will canvass the Hickory Primary on Tuesday, October 14th at 11am at the Board of Elections office.

For additional information contact Catawba County Board of Elections at 145 Government Dr., PO Box 132, Newton, NC 28658. Phone: 828-464-2424. Website: www.CatawbaCountyNC.gov/elections.

David W. Hood, Chair Catawba County Board of Elections

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