

**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL AND CITY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
CATAWBA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

Municipal and city school board general elections will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 in Catawba County to vote in the following contests:

- Town of Brookford – Mayor, 2 Aldermen seats
 - Town of Catawba – 2 Councilmen seats
 - City of Claremont – Mayor, 2 Councilmen seats
 - City of Conover – Mayor, 2 Councilmen seats, 1 Unexpired Councilmen seat
 - Town of Maiden – Mayor, 3 Councilmen seats
 - City of Newton – 3 Council seats
 - Hickory Public Schools –1 Board Member seat each for Wards 1, 2, 3, 5
 - Newton-Conover Schools – Newton District: 2 Board Member seats, Conover District: 1 Board Member seat
- City of Hickory and Town of Long View elections have been postponed until March, 2022.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the election, Tuesday, November 2, 2021. One-stop early voting will be held at the Catawba County Main Library, 115 West C St, Newton, in lieu of the Catawba Board of Elections office. One-stop early voting will be open from Thursday, October 14, 2021 and ends Saturday, October 30, 2021. Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed on weekends with the exception of the last day, Saturday October 30th, open 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Canvass will be held in the Catawba County Board of Elections office at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. Photo ID is not required in any election in 2021.

The polling location for Precinct 6-Claremont has been permanently moved to First Baptist Church of Claremont, 4791 S. Depot St, Claremont. All registered voters in Precinct 6 will receive a new voter registration card concerning the polling site change.

Eligible voters in the following precincts have been temporarily transferred for this election:

- Precinct 9-East Maiden voters will vote at Maiden Community Center, 207 E Klutz St, Maiden
 - Precincts 12-Kenworth, 23-Mountain View 1, 35-Sweetwater will vote at Brookford Town Hall, 1700 S Center St, Hickory
 - Precinct 21-Monogram voters will vote at Catawba Baptist Church, 102 1st St, SW, Catawba
 - Precinct 27-Oxford voters will vote at First Baptist Church of Claremont, 4791, S Depot St, Claremont
 - Precincts 28-St. Stephens 1, 33-Springs will vote at Faith Evangelical Church, 439 7th St Pl SW, Conover
- Letters will be sent to all registered voters that have been temporarily transferred.

Absentee voting by mail is available starting Sunday, October 3, 2021. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on an absentee request form (available on the State Board of Elections website and at the county board of elections office), and must be received in the Catawba Board of Elections office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday prior to the date of the election. Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Catawba Board of Elections by Tuesday, November 2, 2021 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be timely if received within three business days and postmarked by Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a qualified person of their choice. If the voter lives in a facility such as a nursing home, and the voter's near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility can arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multipartisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and witnesses.

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or, if assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside

voting is available for voters who are not able to enter voting sites. Electioneering is not allowed within 50 feet of the entry door of a polling location.

All persons who live in eligible municipal and city school districts and who are registered to vote with the Catawba Board of Elections may vote in this election. Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday, October 8, 2021 5:00 p.m. to be eligible to vote in this election on election day and by absentee-by-mail. Eligible residents who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only and will be required to provide documentation of their residence. Voters who wish to change party affiliation or who have changed name or address must do so by the registration deadline. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update the information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Persons with questions about registration, polling places, early voting, absentee ballots, a Multipartisan Assistance Team visit to a facility, or other election matters may call the Catawba Board of Elections Office at 828-464-2424. Further information is available online at www.CatawbaCountyNC.gov/elections.

Barry Cheney, Chairman
Catawba County Board of Elections