
NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC, REPUBLICAN, LIBERTARIAN, GREEN, AND CONSTITUTION PARTY PRIMARY ELECTIONS
Catawba County, North Carolina

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of Catawba County that the Presidential Preference Primary Election will be held March 3, 2020 for Federal Offices, State Offices, and Republican County Commissioners and Republican Register of Deeds. If a second primary is required, it will be held April 21, 2020, or May 12, 2020 if there is a Federal Seat in the second primary anywhere in North Carolina.

The Democratic, Republican, and Libertarian parties will allow unaffiliated voters to participate in their party's primary by stating their choice at the polls. Green and Constitution parties are closed and allow only their members to vote their respective ballots.

Photo identification is not required for this election. Some newly registered voters may be required to show proof of residence—this would be indicated on their voter registration card which was sent via the postal service.

The Catawba County Board of Elections office has relocated to 145 Government Dr, Newton, NC. The new elections office is beside the parking deck across from the Justice Center.

The polls open at 6:30 am and close at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Vote count will follow and will be reported to the Catawba County Board of Election as soon as possible. Canvass Day will be held 11:00 am in the Board of Election Office in Newton, NC, on Friday, March 13, 2020.

Board meetings for reviewing Absentee ballots are 8:15 am February 11, February 18, February 25, and 5:00 pm March 2, 2020. A Sample Audit Count will be held 9am March 5. The Board will meet 8:15am on March 12 to count Supplemental absentee ballots and Provisional ballots.

Voter registration for the primary election ends Friday, February 7, 2020. Anyone registering to vote on election day or any voter changing their party affiliation for the Primary must submit (or postmark) an original signed registration to the Board of Elections Office by 5pm on February 7, 2020. Any voter who has moved outside their precinct but within the county since the last election should notify the board of elections in writing by February 7, 2020. During one-stop early voting, an unregistered resident of Catawba County may register and vote with proof of residency. Voters aged 17 will be allowed to vote in a primary if they will be 18 on or before November 3, 2020.

Absentee ballots by mail are allowed. A request for an absentee ballot must be made in writing only on an official Absentee Ballot Request Form (website: www.catawbacountync.gov/elections/). Requests must be received in the Board of Elections office by 5:00 pm, February 25, 2020—emailed and faxed requests are not acceptable. Last day to return an absentee ballot in-person is 5:00 pm, March 3, 2020. If mailed, your ballot will be timely only if the envelope is postmarked on or before March 3, 2020 and received by March 6, 2020.

One-Stop voting begins Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 8:00 am and ends Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

Hours: Weekdays 8:00 am to 7:30 pm. Saturdays 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Sundays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Catawba County voters may vote at any of the five one-stop locations:

- **Newton Main Library** (in lieu of office) – 115 West 'C' St, Newton
- **Conover Station** – 403 Conover Station SE, Conover
- **Highland Recreation Center** – 1451 8th St Dr NE, Hickory
- **Southwest Library** (Mountain View) – 2944 S NC 127 Hwy, Hickory
- **Sherrills Ford Branch Library** – 8456 Sherrills Ford Rd, Sherrills Ford

Each of Catawba County's forty polling places will be open and has a marked 50 foot buffer zone concerning electioneering. Voters who require assistance with casting their ballot are entitled to assistance by an appropriate person of their choice or an election official. One-Stop locations and polling places are accessible to the elderly and handicapped. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not physically able to enter the polling place. For additional information visit the Catawba Board of Election at www.catawbacountync.gov/elections/ or call 828-464-2424.

Barry Cheney, Chairman

CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION
