

2025 Election



DEMOCRACY NC

Wallet Card — *Municipal Elections*

Be an Unstoppable Voter

Many cities and towns have elections in the fall of 2025. Winners lead your community, manage local school boards, police, and city services, and create policies that affect your life.



Election Day

Election Day will be **September 9 (Partisan Primary), October 7, or November 4, 2025**, depending on where you live. The vast **majority of NC elections** will be on **Nov. 4; nine counties will have NO cities or towns with elections in 2025.**

As you can see, **Primary and General Election Days, as well as Early Voting Dates, will vary!** Check your city or town's election details at ncvoter.org/votelocal.

Voting questions? Visit ncvoter.org or call **888-OUR-VOTE (888-687-8683).**



TOP 10 TIPS

For Voting



1.) Register

You can register to vote at your current address—online or by print form—25 days before Election Day, or in person at an Early Voting site (*but NOT on Election Day*). A 17-year-old may register and vote in the Primary Election if they will be 18 on Election Day (*October 7 or November 4*). Update your registration if you move. For more rules, visit ncvoter.org/register.

2.) Bring Your ID

You need to show an NC driver's license or other "acceptable photo ID" to vote with a *regular ballot* (*not a provisional one*) due to a ruling by the NC Supreme Court. A free ID can be obtained at your local County Board of Elections. Learn more, including what types of IDs are acceptable and exceptions, at gotidnc.org.

PRO-TIP: Check now to make sure your registration is current so you're ready to vote at ncvoter.org/lookup.

3.) Vote Early

Many counties offer Early Voting (*but not all*). You can register AND vote the same day during the 17-day Early Voting period ONLY. Fill out a form at your county's EV site, and show one of the following with your name and address: current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, another government document, or one from the institution that issued the photo ID you use to meet the voter photo ID requirement. Find your site at ncvoter.org/voteearly.

4.) Election Day

Polls are open 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. on the Primary and General Election Days. Vote *at your assigned polling location*, NOT an Early Voting location. Visit ncvoter.org/lookup to find your Election Day polling location. Lines are longest 7–9 A.M. and 4–7:30 P.M. If you are in line by 7:30 P.M. you can vote. Stay in line!

5.) Vote By Mail

Any registered voter may vote by mail (*also known as "absentee" voting*), but not all counties offer absentee voting for Municipal Elections. Learn the latest rules about what you'll need and who can help you vote by mail at ncvoter.org/absentee.

PRO-TIP: Mail-in absentee voters must send a copy of an acceptable photo ID with their ballot request or with the returned ballot OR an affidavit noting lack of access to a method to attach a physical copy of the identification card to the written request as a reasonable impediment.

6.) Been Locked Up?

If you have been convicted of a felony, you get back your right to vote once you have completed your sentence, including probation, post-release supervision, and parole. Fines, fees, and restitution alone do not make you ineligible to vote. You just register and vote like any eligible voter, and you don't need a special document that says your rights are restored. Please call **877-OUR-VOTE** for the latest rules. Learn more at: ncvoter.org/notlockedout.

7.) Assistance

A close family member may help you vote; voters with a disability or difficulty reading may get help from

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anyone (*except their employer or union agent*). You have the right to vote curbside from your vehicle if you can't reach the voting room due to age, a physical or mental disability, or you have an illness or medical condition. Problems voting curbside? Call **888-OUR-VOTE**.

8.) Back-Up Plan

If you go to the wrong precinct and don't have time to get to the correct location, you can cast a provisional ballot. If you're told you can't vote a regular ballot for another reason, you have the right to vote a provisional ballot. Ask for it! You also have the right to ask for an ID exception form if you can't get an ID when voting. If you're denied a provisional ballot, call **888-OUR-VOTE (888-687-9683)** immediately.

PRO-TIP: Review your sample ballot and nonpartisan voter guides at ncvoter.org for more on your local races.

9.) Vote Your Entire Ballot

Remember, local elections can have a direct impact on your life. You can take a cellphone or paper list into the polls to help remember your choices for each elected office, but no photos are allowed. If you mess up your ballot, just ask for a new one.

10.) Check Your Party Affiliation and Vote Accordingly

In an NC Primary Election, you must vote in the primary for the party with which you are registered. Unaffiliated Voters in NC can choose the party's primary in which to vote: Democratic, Republican, or Libertarian. (*The Green Party has not opened their primaries to unaffiliated voters*)

