

Resolution No 2023-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAUREL PARK TOWN COUNCIL OPPOSING  
CHANGES TO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, municipalities in North Carolina have a longstanding history of being among the highest professionally run local governments in the country; AND

**WHEREAS**, we believe that as local officials who live and work daily in the community we represent, we can best determine the specific needs of our citizens and our communities; AND

**WHEREAS**, we as local officials, strongly affirm that as a non-partisan body we are better able to serve our residents and make decisions based on the best interest of the municipality independent of partisan principles; AND

**WHEREAS**, since 2000, the Town's Corporate Charter provides that the Town's regular municipal elections shall be held in the Town every two years in odd-numbered years, and shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis using the nonpartisan plurality method in accordance with the G.S. 163-292; AND

**WHEREAS**, municipal elections are purposely held in odd-numbered years in order to separate national and state elections from local government elections.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Laurel Park, in order to protect the rights of local municipalities to choose their own form of government, opposes the establishment of partisan municipal elections in Laurel Park and requests the North Carolina General Assembly to oppose the afore-referenced request or any subsequent legislation with the intent of mandating partisan elections and/or changing election cycles to even-numbered years unless requested by the municipality, and further, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to North Carolina House of Representative Jennifer Balkcom and North Carolina Senator Timothy Moffitt.

Adopted this the 21st day of February, 2023.

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J. Carey O’Cain, Mayor

Attest:

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Tamara Amin, CMC, NCCMC

Town Clerk