



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Date: February 18, 2021

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Special Call Meeting

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*Town Clerk Savannah Parrish at 419-9310, or by email at savannah.parrish@townofblackmountain.org
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed rewrite of Article II, Sec.4 of the Town Charter.

B. Other changes to the Town Charter and discussion.

3. ADJOURNMENT



Josh Harrold
Town Manager



PUBLIC NOTICE

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Thursday February 18, 2021 8:30 a.m.

The Black Mountain Board of Aldermen will meet in special call meeting on **Thursday February 18, 2021 8:30 a.m** in the Board Room in the Town Hall Building, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss making changes to the Town Charter, including changing the name of the governing body from Board of Aldermen to Town Council.

The meeting is open to the public.

Savannah M. Parrish
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SEC. 4. CREATION, SALARY AND COMPOSITION OF MAYOR AND BOARD OF TOWN COUNCIL.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter, all powers of the town shall be vested in a town council of five (5) members and a mayor elected from the town at large in the manner hereinafter provided. The terms of office of the mayor and the council members shall be for four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall begin on the second Monday of the month next following their election. The council members shall serve staggered terms with two elected at the time of the general election when the mayor is elected and three elected at the following general election held two years later.

Council members shall be qualified electors for the town. A council member or mayor ceasing to possess any of the qualifications specified in this Charter or the laws of the State of North Carolina, or convicted of crime while in office, shall immediately forfeit his office, and such member refused to relinquish the office, that member may be removed from the town council by a simple majority of the remaining council members, with the mayor having a vote if needed to break a tie vote.

A vacancy that occurs in an elective office of a city shall be filled by appointment of the city council. If the term of the office expires immediately following the next regular city election, or if the next regular city election will be held within 135 days after the vacancy occurs, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. Otherwise, a successor shall be elected at the next regularly scheduled city election that is held more than 135 days after the vacancy occurs, and the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve only until the elected successor takes office. The elected successor shall then serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If the number of vacancies on the council is such that a quorum of the council cannot be obtained, the mayor shall appoint enough members to make up a quorum, and the council shall then proceed to fill the remaining vacancies. If the number of vacancies on the council is such that a quorum of the council cannot be obtained and the office of mayor is vacant, the Governor may fill the vacancies upon the request of any remaining member of the council, or upon the petition of any five registered voters of the city. Vacancies in appointive offices shall be filled by the same authority that makes the initial appointment.

Each member of the town council shall receive a salary the amount of which shall be prescribed by ordinance, which may be the annual budget ordinance. Provided, however, that the present mayor and council members shall continue to receive the same salary until same is changed as herein outlined. No ordinance fixing or changing the salary of the mayor or council members shall become effective prior to the next ensuing general election at which at least to council members are elected.