

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF HENDERSON
CAROLINE COUNTY

AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CHARTER, CONCERNING FILING
DEADLINE FOR COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES AND CANCELLATION OF
ELECTIONS WHERE THERE IS ONE CANDIDATE OR NO CANDIDATES

WHEREAS the Commissioners of Henderson have examined the issues of costs to the Town's citizens to have an election in which one candidate or no candidates file to run, and

WHEREAS the Commissioners have determined that cancelling the election if one candidate or no candidates filed to run would be in the best interest of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners of Henderson adopt the following Amendment to the Town Charter:

1. A new second sentence is inserted after the first sentence of Section 207(b) as follows: A candidate wishing to appear on the ballot for election of a Commissioner shall file a certificate of nomination at least 7 days before the Town election.

2. A new Section 207(d) is added, as follows:

(d): Uncontested elections. A. Notwithstanding the other terms of this Section of the Town Charter, if only one person files a certificate of nomination before the deadline set forth in Section 207(b) of this Town Charter for an election in which there is only one vacancy, then the Town Commissioners shall certify that the election is uncontested, in which case the election shall be canceled, and that person shall assume the office of Commissioner upon taking the oath of office in accordance with the provisions of this Town Charter.

B. Notwithstanding the other terms of this Section of the Town Charter, if no person files a certificate of nomination before the deadline set forth in Section 207(b) of this Town Charter, then and in that event, no election shall be held, and the Commissioner whose term is expiring shall automatically retain his or her office for another term; provided, however, that if such Commissioner refuses to serve another term, then the remaining Commissioners will appoint a person to fill that office for that term.

3. The remaining terms of the Town Charter remain in full effect to the extent not inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance.

Janie A. Shell
Witness

Date: 06-03-2020

Sandy Cook
Mayor

Jerry J. Cook
Treasurer

[Signature]
Commissioner