

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 488
SENATE BILL 663

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF STOKESDALE, SUBJECT TO A
REFERENDUM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A Charter is enacted for the Town of Stokesdale to read:

"CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF STOKESDALE

CHAPTER I. INCORPORATION AND CORPORATE POWERS

"Sec. 1.1. The inhabitants of the Town of Stokesdale are a body corporate and politic under the name 'Town of Stokesdale'. Under that name they have all the powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities conferred and imposed upon cities by the general law of North Carolina.

CHAPTER II. CORPORATE BOUNDARIES

"Sec. 2.1. Until changed in accordance with law, the boundaries of the Town of Stokesdale are as follows:

BEGINNING at a point at the common junction of Guilford-Forsyth-Stokes-Rockingham County line; thence in a southerly direction following the Forsyth-Guilford County line to a point on the Guilford-Forsyth line at the intersection of Rocky Creek Branch; thence in a southeasterly direction to a point on Happy Hill Road (2032) 0.6 mile south of the bridge over Rocky Creek Branch; thence in a southeasterly direction to a point on Warner Road (2033) 0.2 mile west of its intersection with Pearman Quarry Road (2035); thence in an easterly direction to a point at the intersection of Warner Road (2033) and Anthony Road (2034) including all properties on Warner Road between this and the preceeding point; thence following the center line of Warner road (2033) in an easterly direction to a point being the intersection of Warner road (2033) and Haw River Road (2028) including all properties on the north side of Warner Road between this and the preceeding point; thence in a southeasterly direction to a point at the intersection of Highway 68 and Haw River; thence in an easterly direction following Haw River to a point approximately 0.5 mile east of its intersection with the former Greensboro-Mount Airy Branch track of the Southern Railway; thence in a northerly direction to a point at the intersection of U.S. Highway 220 and Road #2104; thence in a westerly direction following Road #2104 to a point at the intersection of Road #2104 and U.S. Highway 158; thence in a northwesterly direction to a point on the Rockingham-Guilford County line approximately 0.6 mile east of its intersection with Road #2103; thence in a westerly direction along the Rockingham-Guilford County line to the point and place of beginning.

CHAPTER III. GOVERNING BODY

"Sec. 3.1. The governing body of the Town of Stokesdale is the Town Council, which has five members.

"Sec. 3.2. The qualified voters of the entire Town elect the members of the Town Council.

"Sec. 3.3. From the effective date of this Charter until the organizational meeting of the Town Council after the 1991 municipal election, the members of the Town Council shall be Clifton Hill, Powell M. Shelton, Sr., A.B. Fulp, Jesse Joyce, and Larry Williams.

"Sec. 3.4. At the regular town election in 1991, five council members shall be elected. The persons receiving the three highest numbers of votes shall be elected for four-year terms, and the two persons receiving the next highest numbers of votes shall be elected for two-year terms. In 1993 and quadrennially thereafter, two council members shall be elected for four-year terms. In 1995 and quadrennially thereafter, three council members shall be elected for four-year terms.

"Sec. 3.5. At the organizational meeting of the initial council and at the organizational meeting after each election, the council shall elect one of its members to serve at its pleasure as Mayor.

CHAPTER IV. ELECTIONS

"Sec. 4.1. The council shall be elected on the nonpartisan basis and the results determined by plurality in accordance with G.S. 163-292.

"Sec. 4.2. Elections shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

CHAPTER V. ADMINISTRATION

"Sec. 5.1. The Town of Stokesdale shall operate under the mayor-council plan as provided in Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes."

Sec. 2. From and after the effective date of the incorporation, the citizens and property in the Town of Stokesdale shall be subject to municipal taxes levied for the year beginning July 1, 1989, and for that purpose the Town shall obtain from Guilford County a record of property in the area herein incorporated which was listed for taxes as of January 1, 1989, and the businesses in the Town shall be liable for privilege license tax from the effective date of the privilege license tax ordinance. The Town may adopt a budget ordinance for fiscal year 1989-90 without following the timetable in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, but shall follow the sequence of actions in the spirit of the act insofar as is practical. For fiscal year 1989-90, ad valorem taxes may be paid at par or face amount within 90 days of adoption of the budget ordinance, and thereafter in accordance with the schedule in G.S. 105-360 as if the taxes had been due and payable on September 1, 1989.

Sec. 3. (a) The Guilford County Board of Elections shall conduct an election on November 7, 1989, for the purpose of submission to the qualified voters of the area described in Section 2.1 of the Charter of Stokesdale, the question of whether or not such area shall be incorporated as Stokesdale. Registration for the election shall be conducted in accordance with G.S. 163-288.2.

(b) In the election, the question on the ballot shall be:

"[] FOR Incorporation of Stokesdale

[] AGAINST Incorporation of Stokesdale".

Sec. 4. In such election, if a majority of the votes cast are not cast "FOR Incorporation of Stokesdale", then Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall have no force and effect.

Sec. 5. In such election, if a majority of the votes cast shall be cast "FOR Incorporation of Stokesdale" then Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall become effective on the date that the Guilford County Board of Elections determines the result of the election.

Sec. 6. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of June, 1989.