



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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Legislation Text

File #: [23-0067], Version: 1

Amend Article I, Chapter 2, Code of Ordinances Related to Filing Fees for Election.

Staff:

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Communications and Public Affairs

Overview: North Carolina General Statute 163-294.2(e) states that the governing board shall set the filing fee for elections between \$5.00 and less than one percent of the annual salary of the office sought.



Recommendation(s):

That the Council enact the ordinance to amend the Town Code of Ordinances to set the filing fees for election.

Decision Points:

- The fee has not changed in almost 50 years.
- The Board of Elections reached out to the Town to confirm the filling fees.



Attachments:

- Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 2, CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO FILING FEES FOR ELECTION (2023-01-25/O-1)

WHEREAS, originally Chapel Hill had no filing fee; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, the General Assembly set the filing fees according to the Town population, with Chapel Hill fee set at a minimum of \$25; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, North Carolina General Statute 163-294.2(e) establishes that the governing board shall set the filing fee for elections between \$5.00 and less than one percent of the annual salary of the office sought; and

WHEREAS, the Council last set this fee on March 25, 1974 at the lowest amount allowed by statute; and

WHEREAS, several decades have passed since the fee was last set, and Council deems it prudent to set the fee at an amount more appropriate to the present day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that section 2-2.1 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-2.1. - Filing fees for election.
Filing fees for election to town office shall be as follows:

Council\$ 25.00

Mayor~~1~~50.00”

(Ord. No. O-74-19, § 1, 3-25~~1~~-74) * Reference correction also identified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk send a copy of this ordinance to the Orange and Durham County Board of Elections and to the State Board of Elections.

This the 25th day of January, 2023.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

By enacting the ordinance, the Council amends the Town Code of Ordinances to set the filing fees for election.