



The Advocate

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Legislative Update

An important NCR bill was addressed when the General Assembly returned to Raleigh in late July. House Bill 96, Expedited Removal of Unauthorized Person, was vetoed by Governor Stein on July 9. In his veto message, the Governor expressed support for the bill's provisions related to squatters but objected to the unrelated language concerning the local regulation of pet stores. This is an issue outside of our industry that was added during the legislative process.

Rather than pursuing an override of the veto, the NCR lobbying team successfully negotiated to move our language into a standalone bill, SB 55. Governor Stein signed SB 55 into law on August 6.

The legislature has adjourned for another break. As part of the adjournment resolution that recently passed, they will return monthly until the end of the year and until the start of the Legislative Short Session in April 2026. Our lobbying team will continue working this session to advance important industry legislation.

Municipal Elections

Key Dates

North Carolina has three municipal election dates this year:

1. **Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025** (Partisan primary):

- o Forsyth County: Rural Hall, Tobaccoville
- o Lee County: Sanford
- o Mecklenburg County: Charlotte
- 2. **Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025** (Second primary, primary election, or general election, depending on election method): -
Please check future Advocates for additional details
- o Various municipalities
- 3. Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025 (General election or runoff, depending on election method):
- o Various municipalities

Learn more about your municipal elections.

Early Voting Information

In-person early voting for the September 9, 2025 municipal elections:

- Begins August 21, 2025
- Ends at 3:00 PM on September 6, 2025
- [Early voting sites](#)
- [Additional early voting information](#)

Please note: not all municipalities have early voting nor do all municipalities have September municipal elections

Other Important Voting Information

- [Find election day polling sites](#)
- In order to be eligible to vote in a municipal election, the voter must live in the municipality for at least 30 days prior to the election.
- [Determine if your area will have a municipal election and to view the sample ballot.](#)
(Please note that sample ballots are not yet available for the Oct. 7 election)
- [Important 2025 election dates and deadlines](#)
- Voter registration deadline is 25 days before the election. Find out how to register.
- Don't forget your photo ID, which is required for all NC voters

NC RPAC Update

Groovin' for WNC Raffle

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