



**COUNTY OF DURHAM
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

PETITION CERTIFICATION

To Whom It May Concern:

The Durham County Board of Elections received the enclosed petitions on behalf of the

CITIZENS FOR A SMALLER CITY COUNCIL
PO BOX 2874
DURHAM, NC, 27715-2874

seeking to initiate a referendum on proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Durham, North Carolina (Legal Authority: Section 160A-101 and 160A-104 of the North Carolina General Statutes). A copy of the petition was registered with our office per G.S. 163-218 on August 17, 1998.

Our staff has determined that 7725 signatures were submitted for verification as registered voters as of August 28, 1998. Of the names submitted, our staff has verified that 5414 names are those of registered voters of Durham County, North Carolina residing within the City of Durham.

Carol M. Booth
Carol M. Booth,
Director

Sworn and subscribed before me this 1st day of September, 1998.

Marie P. Allen
Notary Public

My commission expires: 7-29-2003

CITIZENS FOR A SMALL CITY COUNCIL

P.O. Box 2874
Durham, NC 27715
687-5152

August 17, 1998

Carol Booth
Durham County Board of Elections
200 E. Main Street
Durham, NC 27701

Dear Mrs. Booth:

The Citizens for a Smaller City Council hereby requests that you register our petition to reduce the size of the city council from 13 to 7.

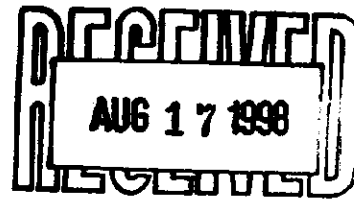
A copy of the petition is attached to this letter.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



David A. Smith



By: Carol M. Booth, Director
Durham Co. Bd. of
Elections
Pm G-5. 163-218.

**PETITION TO INITIATE A REFERENDUM ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**
(Legal Authority: Section 160A-101 and Section 106A-104 of the North Carolina General Statutes)

We, the undersigned qualified registered voters of the City of Durham, North Carolina, do hereby petition the Durham City Council for a special referendum election on the question of adopting the following amendments to the Charter of the City of Durham:

1. Change the size of the Durham City Council from its present twelve members and a mayor to six members and a mayor, beginning in 2001, pursuant to Section 160A-101(5) and Section 160A-101(6)c. of North Carolina General Statutes. The City shall be divided into three single-member electoral districts. Three of the council members shall be apportioned to the districts so that each member represents the same number of persons as nearly as possible. Three council members shall be apportioned to the City at large. District candidates shall reside in and represent the districts according to the apportionment plan adopted, but all candidates shall be nominated and elected by all the qualified voters of the City. The Mayor shall continue to be nominated and elected by all the qualified voters of the City, shall continue to serve a two-year term, and shall continue to have the right to vote on all matters before the council. The members of the council shall serve staggered four-year terms, once the temporary transitional period described in 2 below is completed. The drawing of district boundaries and apportionment of the members to the districts shall be done by the Durham City Council. Legal Authority: Section 160A-101(4), Section 160A-101(5), Section 160A-101(6), and Section 160A-101(8) of the North Carolina General Statutes.

2. Provide for a temporary transitional period from the existing system to the new system. The six council members who are elected in November of 1999 shall all be elected for two-year terms, so that their terms and the terms of the other six council members shall all expire together in 2001. In November of 2001, and every four years thereafter, three council members shall be elected from the districts for four-year terms. In November of 2001, three council members shall be elected at large for two-year terms. In November of 2003, and every four years thereafter, three council members shall be elected at large for four-year terms. Legal Authority: Section 160A-101(4), Section 160A-101(6), and Section 160A-106 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Name (PLEASE PRINT)	Address	Phone #	Signature

Mail to: Citizens for a Smaller Council
P.O. Box 2874
Durham, North Carolina 27715-2874
Phone # 687-5152

REGISTERED DURHAM CITY VOTERS ONLY
Must be signed individually. No Mr. & Mrs. John Doe
Petitions must be mailed or delivered by 8/26/98

*Rec'd
8/17/98
CB*

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

A special election shall be held on Proposed Amendments to the Charter of the City of Durham on December 8, 1998. The polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. All precincts in Durham County shall be open for voting in this special election except for the following precincts: (1) #26 Rougemont Station-Bahama Volunteer Fire Department, 11821 N. Roxboro Rd., (2) #29 Gorman Ruritan Club, 2400 E. Geer St., (3) #32 Neal Middle School, 201 Baptist Road at Highway 98.

The issue to be submitted to the voters is as follows:

Shall the Petition on Proposed Amendments to the Charter of the City of Durham as provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 below be approved:

1. Change the size of Durham City council from its present twelve members and a mayor to six members and a mayor, beginning in 2001. The City shall be divided into three single-member electoral districts. Three of the council members shall be apportioned to the districts so that each member represents the same number of persons as nearly as possible. Three council members shall be apportioned to the City at large. District candidates shall reside in and represent the districts according to the apportionment plan adopted, but all candidates shall be nominated and elected by all the qualified voters of the City. The Mayor shall continue to be nominated and elected by all the qualified voters of the City, shall continue to serve a two-year term, and shall continue to have the right to vote on all matters before the council. The members of the council shall serve staggered four-year terms, once the temporary transitional period described in paragraph 2 below is completed. The drawing of district boundaries and apportionment of the members to the districts shall be done by the Durham City Council.
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Qualified Durham City residents who are not currently registered, but wish to vote in this election must register by Friday, November 13, 1998. Change of address or name by registered voters must also be done by Friday, November 13, 1998. Any information regarding registration, location of polling places, absentee voting, or other election matters may be obtained by contacting the Board of Elections office at 560-0700 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

Carol M. Booth, Director
Durham County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION TO CALL A SPECIAL
ELECTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE CITY CHARTER REGARDING THE
SIZE OF CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1998, the City received from the Durham County Board of Elections a valid initiative petition submitted by voters of the City pursuant to G.S. 160A-104, with the wording of the petition as provided in Attachment A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to G.S.160A-104, the City Council is required to call a special election on the question of adopting the amendments to the City Charter proposed in the petition; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURHAM:

1. The City Council hereby calls, and the Durham County Board of Elections is hereby called upon to conduct, a special election on December 8, 1998.

2. Pursuant to G.S. 160A-105 and G.S. 163-287, the Durham County Board of Elections is hereby called upon to submit to the voters the proposition of whether to approve the petition, with the form of the ballot to be as provided in Attachment B to this resolution. The ballot shall be separate from all other ballots used at the election, as provided in G.S. 160A-105.

3. Pursuant to G.S. 163-287, the Durham County Board of Elections is hereby called upon to publish legal notice of the special election no less than 45 days prior to the special election.

4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to deliver this Resolution to the Durham County Board of Elections.

This the 8th day of September, 1998.

APPROVED BY
CITY COUNCIL

SEP 8 1998

Margaret Bowers
CITY CLERK

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PROPOSITION

Shall the Petition on Proposed Amendments to the Charter of the City of Durham as provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 below be approved:

() YES () NO

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DURHAM



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CITY OF MEDICINE

**City of Durham
North Carolina**



City Clerk
Office of Records Management
101 City Hall Plaza
Durham, NC 27701

(919) 560-4166

September 9, 1998

Ms. Carol Booth, Director
Durham County Board of Election
200 E. Main Street
Durham, North Carolina 27701

Dear Carol:

Attached is a certified copy of the Resolution of the Durham City Council adopted September 8, 1998 calling for a Special Election on the proposed amendments to the City Charter regarding the size of the City Council.

I have attached the informational materials with this certified copy.

Also included, is the wording for the proposition that would be used on December 8, 1998 as to the questions that would be placed before the citizens of the City of Durham.

Respectfully,

Margaret M. Bowers, CMC
City Clerk

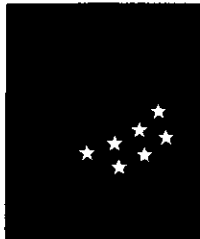
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Enclosures

cc: Mayor and City Council Members
Henry Blinder, City Attorney
Chuck Kitchen, County Attorney

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER REGARDING THE SIZE OF CITY COUNCIL

**NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY**

I, Margaret M. Bowers, duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Durham, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the attached "Resolution To Call A Special Election On Proposed Amendments to the City Charter Regarding the Size of City Council" is a true and accurate copy adopted by the Durham City Council at their regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 8, 1998, which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Durham, North Carolina, this the 9th day of September, 1998.

Margaret M. Bowers

Margaret M. Bowers, CMC
Director of Records Management/City Clerk



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TO THE CITY CHARTER REGARDING THE
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CITY COUNCIL

SEP 8 1998

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ATTENTION DURHAM CITY VOTERS

SIGN AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING:

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to the Charter of the City of Durham, North Carolina

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Name (PLEASE PRINT)	Address	Signature

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Phone # 687-5152

**REGISTERED DURHAM
CITY VOTERS ONLY**

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2410 Guess Road at I-85 by 8/26/98

Paid for by Citizens for a Smaller City Council

Attachment B

PROPOSITION

Shall the Petition on Proposed Amendments to the Charter of the City of Durham as provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 below be approved:

() YES () NO

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**Durham County Board of Elections
December 11, 1998**

**Canvass of the Vote
City of Durham
Special Election on Proposed Amendments
to the City Charter,
Regarding The Size of the City Council
Tuesday, December 8, 1998**

All ballots, precinct returns, registration books, voting tabulators and supplies have been received.

All returns and documentation have been audited.

Changes at audit have not affected the final outcome of the election. Changes have been due to the audit of center bin ballots, tabulation of provisional ballots as well as correction of call-in errors, total tape misreads and/or arithmetic errors.

Twenty-eight provisional ballots were cast. Twenty-four met the legal requirements for tabulation. Of the four which were not eligible for counting, one was cast by a non-city resident of Durham County and three were cast by 'voters' for whom no timely voter registration activity in Durham County could be substantiated.

Final results follow.

OFFICIAL CANVASS
 CITY OF DURHAM SPECIAL
 ELECTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT
 TO THE CITY CHARTER
 RUN DATE: 12/19/98 08:21 PM

	01 = REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	02 = BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	03 = VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL
0001 BEVERLY MIDDLE SCHOOL	1200	316 24.69	
0002 WATTS STREET SCHOOL	2862	313 10.57	
0003 E. I. POPE SCHOOL	1602	323 20.16	
0004 N.C. SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & MATH	1524	548 35.96	
0005 W. I. PATTERSON REC CENTER	5305	182 3.39	
0006 LAKEWOOD SCHOOL	2847	492 24.04	
0007 DURHAM MASHOT SCHOOL	1941	285 15.40	
0008 HORNHEAD SCHOOL	1987	351 17.66	
0009 ROBERT HILLS CLUB HOUSE	2983	882 34.15	
0010 C.C. SPaulding SCHOOL	1398	286 14.00	
0011 WEAVER STREET COMM. CENTER	1802	451 25.03	
0012 PEARSON SCHOOL	1438	187 13.08	
0013 ROTON SCHOOL	1370	211 15.40	
0014 T. R. SMITH SCHOOL	2053	257 12.52	
0015 WY. CALVAHY HOLY CHURCH	1310	152 11.60	
0016 WOODCROFT SMITH & THOMAS CLUB	2312	495 21.41	
0017 DURHAM COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY	2308	228 9.55	
0018 ROLLOWAY ST. SCHOOL 6TH	4241	619 14.62	
0019 AMERICAN LEGION POST #7	2373	465 19.68	
0020 ABERCROMBIE BUILDING	2064	418 20.55	
0021 CLUB BOULEVARD SCHOOL	1923	456 23.71	
0022 VFW POST 2740	3523	558 15.87	
0023 HORNHEAD HEIGHTS BAPTIST	4105	984 23.97	
0024 HILLDALE LABRINE CENTER	3713	868 26.16	
0025 NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL	37	4 10.81	
0026 GITHENS MIDDLE SCHOOL	509	100 18.00	
0028 HANCOCK SCHOOL	444	154 34.68	
0030 OAK GROVE SCHOOL	647	170 26.26	
0031 BETHESDA BAPTIST CLUB	1722	410 23.81	
0033 NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER	705	81 11.49	
0034 PEANSONTOWN SCHOOL	4314	745 17.27	
0035 CENTER FOR SELF DISCOVERY	3294	991 27.35	
0036 SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY	4295	610 14.39	
0037 COLE MILK CHURCH OF CHRIST	3642	1239 34.02	
0038 HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH	4101	638 15.56	
0039 ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH	2951	1235 41.85	
0040 ROGERS-HEED MIDDLE SCHOOL	1827	378 20.69	
0041 WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH	1479	441 29.82	
0042 SHEPARD MIDDLE SCHOOL	1206	372 30.85	
0043 ROBERT VINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3574	1217 34.05	
0044 CARLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	142	32 22.54	
0045 BRO VALLEY-HOLT ATHLETIC	1801	891 36.35	
0046 EDISON JOHNSON COMMUNITY CTR	3619	680 18.79	
0047 T. R. HOLMES ST. REC CENTER	1810	476 24.92	
0048 CHRIST THE KING NOBAYIAN CHURCH	1800	489 24.38	
0049 STUDENT UNION BUILDING/MCCU	3121	229 7.34	
0050 MCNAMER UNITED METHODIST	3061	702 18.18	
	01	02	03
	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	120,761	24,404	20.21

The Durham County Board of Elections having opened, canvassed, and judicially determined the original returns of the General Election in the precincts of the County of Durham held as above stated, do hereby certify that the above is a true abstract thereof, and contains the number of legal ballots cast in each precinct for each office named, the name of each person voted for, and the number of votes given for each person for the office named.

This 11th day of December, 1998.

Jane Tounhey Ryan Chair
Jennifer E. May Secretary
Ronald D. Grayson Member

This day personally appeared before me
 Jane Tounhey Ryan, Chair of the County Board of Elections,
 who being duly sworn, says that the abstract of votes herein
 contained is true and correct, according to the returns made
 to said Board.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed my Notarial seal, this 11th day of December, 1998.
Almeta M. Muller
 Notary
 My commission expires: 8-13-99

OFFICIAL CANVASS

CITY OF DUBHAM SPECIAL
ELECTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE CITY CHARTER

RUN DATE: 12/19/98 08:23 PM

01 = REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL
02 = BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL

(CONTINUED)
TOTAL %

03 = VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL

TOTAL %

	01	02	03		
0001 SOUTHWEST BLANKET	4014	755	18.81		
0002 EVANGEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD	1391	229	17.09		
0003 TRIANGLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	3563	383	10.75		
0004 CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CH	3466	484	14.21		
0007 ABSENER VOTERS	0	186			
0008 PROVISIONAL	0	24			
0000 BMO PRECINCT-ORANGE COUNTY	0	4			

				120,761	
				24,494	
					28.21

RUN DATE: 12/19/98 08:19 PM

SPECIAL ELECTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER, REGARDING THE SIZE OF CITY COUNCIL.

01 = YES

VOTES PERCENT 02 = NO
15,296 62.82

9,654 37.18

	01	02
0001 BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL	227	87
0002 MATTS STREET SCHOOL	144	169
0003 E. I. POVE SCHOOL	167	152
0004 R. C. SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & MATH	417	138
0005 W. I. PATTERSON REC CENTER	95	87
0006 LAURENCE SCHOOL	375	116
0007 DURHAM MASHUNT SCHOOL	150	134
0008 BONDHEAD SCHOOL	138	212
0009 FOREST HILLS CLUB BRIDGE	645	233
0010 C.C. SPANGLING SCHOOL	17	191
0011 WEAVER STREET COMM. CENTER	23	427
0012 PEARSON SCHOOL	12	174
0013 BRISTON SCHOOL	12	194
0014 T. E. SMITH SCHOOL	93	162
0015 MT. CALVARY BOLT CHURCH	50	192
0016 WOODCROFT SWIM & TENNIS CLUB	405	98
0017 DURHAM COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY	29	288
0018 BOLLINWAY ST. SCHOOL 6TH	188	431
0019 AMERICAN LEGION POST #7	256	290
0020 AERIALMUTUAL BUILDING	263	171
0021 CLUB BOULEVARD SCHOOL	365	88
0022 VFW POST 2740	186	374
0023 BONEHEAD HEIGHTS BAPTIST	491	492
0024 HILLDALE LEARNING CENTER	853	117
0025 WOODBURN HIGH SCHOOL	1	3
0027 GITHENS MIDDLE SCHOOL	88	10
0028 MARGON SCHOOL	143	13
0030 OAK GROVE SCHOOL	102	68
0031 BETHESDA BOULDER CLUB	348	67
0033 NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER	72	9
0034 PEARSONTON SCHOOL	209	534
0035 CENTER FOR SELF DISCOVERY	670	229
0036 SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY	405	280
0037 COLE HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST	1146	98
0038 HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH	528	188
0039 ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH	1062	180
0040 DODGERS-BEER MIDDLE SCHOOL	267	111
0041 WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH	19	420
0042 SEWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL	23	346
0043 FOREST VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1877	137
0044 CARRINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	26	6
0045 PNO VALLEY-BOLT ATHLETIC	627	57
0046 EDISON JOHNSON COMMUNITY CTR	527	153
0047 I.E. ROUMS ST. REC CENTER	54	418
0048 CHRIST THE KING MORAVIAN CHURCH	338	128
0049 STUDENT UNION BUILDING/MCCU	8	221

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This 11th day of December, 1998.

James T. Miller
 James T. Miller
 Secretary

Ronald C. Gregory
 Ronald C. Gregory
 Member

This day personally appeared before me Jane Tounhey Ryan, Chair of the County Board of Elections, who being duly sworn, says that the abstract of votes herein contained is true and correct, according to the returns made to said Board.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial seal, this 11th day of December, 1998.

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RUN DATE: 12/10/98 08:19 PM

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01 = YES

VOTES PERCENT 02 = NO

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	01	02
0050 MCANAMER UNITED METHODIST	576	124
0051 SOUTHWEST LUTHERAN	559	205
0052 EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLY OF GOD	113	115
0053 TRIANGLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	321	61
0054 CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CH	231	253
0057 ABSOLUTE VOTERS	161	27
0058 PROVISIONAL	16	8
0070 100 PERCENT-ORANGE COUNTY	4	0

OFFICIAL BALLOT
A SPECIAL ELECTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY
CHARTER, REGARDING THE SIZE OF CITY COUNCIL
DURHAM CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

Tuesday, December 8, 1998

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

- a. TO VOTE IN FAVOR of the order, complete the arrow pointing to the word "FOR".
- b. TO VOTE AGAINST the order, complete the arrow pointing to the word "AGAINST".
- c. If you tear, deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

1.

Change the size of Durham City Council from its present twelve members and a mayor to six members and a mayor, beginning in 2001. The City shall be divided into three single-member electoral districts. Three of the council members shall be apportioned to the districts so that each member represents the same number of persons as nearly as possible. Three council members shall be apportioned to the City at large. District candidates shall reside in and represent the districts according to the apportionment plan adopted, but all candidates shall be nominated and elected by all the qualified voters of the City. The Mayor shall continue to be nominated and elected by all the qualified voters of the City, shall continue to serve a two-year term, and shall continue to have the right to vote on all matters before the council. The members of the council shall serve staggered four-year terms, once the temporary transitional period described in paragraph 2 below is completed. The drawing of district boundaries and apportionment of the members to the districts shall be done by the Durham City Council.

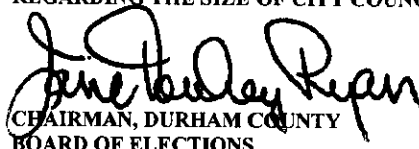
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2.

Provide for a temporary transitional period from the existing system to the new system. The six council members who are elected in November of 1999 shall all be elected for two-year terms, so that their terms and the terms of the other six council members shall all expire together in 2001. In November of 2001, and every four years thereafter, three council members shall be elected from the districts for four-year terms. In November of 2001, three council members shall be elected at large for two-year terms. In November of 2003, and every four years thereafter, three council members shall be elected at large for four-year terms.

FOR
AGAINST

A SPECIAL ELECTION ON PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER,
REGARDING THE SIZE OF CITY COUNCIL


CHAIRMAN, DURHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

OBITUARIES: C2
TELEVISION: C7
CLASSIFIEDS: C10

Council delay of election costly

The Dec. 8 special election on cutting the size of the Durham City Council was even more expensive than originally estimated.

In a rushed effort to get a referendum on the November ballot, about 10,000 people signed a petition last fall. But under state law, it was up to the City Council to actually schedule the election. At that point, Councilman Paul Miller

orchestrated a last-minute council vote to hold the referendum in December rather than during the general election, when the cost would have been negligible.

Elections officials had estimated the cost of a special election would be about \$50,000.

But a tally completed this week by the Board of Elections shows the actual cost was \$54,930.59, or about 10 percent higher than the estimate.

The total includes \$32,151.82 in payroll expenses for election-night staff — a clear example of a cost duplicated by holding a separate election.

The average cost per registered voter was 45 cents. The cost per ballot cast was \$2.25.

Elections officials will be sending the bill to the city next week.

Some might call it the price of democracy.

But there might be another kind of price to pay: Of the seven council members who voted for the delay, Miller, Ty Cox, Angela Langley, Virginia Engelhard and Cynthia Brown are up for re-election this fall. And Brenda Burnette, who also voted for the delay, says she'll be running for mayor against incumbent Nick Tennyson, who voted against it.

Talk about gridlock

Returning from a meeting with state Transportation

Litter, grass fuel

Some members questioning cost and use of contractor

By PATRICK FLANIGAN
The Herald-Sun

City Manager P. Lamont Ewell's plan to improve the city's image by stepping up efforts to cut grass and pick up litter along Durham's roads drew fire from some City

Council members Thursday.

"I really do not feel comfortable with committing to this at this point in time because I think there are a lot of costs that are not included in this that we did not take into account," City Councilman Ty

Cox said of the proposal.

Ewell's staff has a plan to double the grass cuttings and litter along state roadway through the city. They take that responsibility state and pay a Gaston million over three year job.

The state would about \$117,000 of that a

SCHOOL LUNCH GOES INTERN



Southern Middle School eighth-grader Mijoy Woody (above photo, left) dishes out Korean food to her fellow students at the cafeteria during Korean Food Day at the school Thursday. Social studies teacher Diana Smith and cafeteria manager Pat Cole dreamed up the idea of the school hosting Korean Food Day because Roxboro will be hosting the Korean delegation participating in the Special Olympics World Games when they are held in the area this summer. The meal served by Mijoy and her schoolmates featured stir-fried chicken and rice, a Korean fruit mix and flat bread, and students used chopsticks. At right, seventh-grader Robin Parker finds a new way to use her chopsticks on her roll on Thursday as one of her classmates looks on. Some students found the chopsticks a challenge, while others opted not to try the Korean food, and instead stuck with turkey and potatoes.