## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1995 SESSION

## CHAPTER 698 SENATE BILL 540

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ROCKINGHAM CITY COUNCIL FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 4.1(f) of the Charter of the City of Rockingham, being Chapter 1265 of the Session Laws of 1973, reads as rewritten:

- The city council shall consist of five (5) members. In the regular municipal election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1975, two candidates shall be elected for four-year terms, and one candidate shall be elected for a two-year term. In the regular municipal election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1977, and each regular municipal election held biennially thereafter, two candidates shall be elected for four-year terms, and one candidate for a two-year term. In the regular municipal election in 1995 and quadrennially thereafter, three candidates shall be elected for four-year terms. In the regular municipal election in 1997 and quadrennially thereafter, two candidates shall be elected for four-year terms. Members shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify. Candidates for election as members of the city council shall announce, at the time of filing notice of candidacy, the length of term for which they are a candidate and shall be elected only for the term for which they have announced. In each general election, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the four-year terms, and the one candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the two-year term shall be declared elected for these respective terms. Elections are conducted by the nonpartisan plurality method and the results determined in accordance with G.S. 163-292."
- Sec. 2. This act has the affect of extending to four years the term of office of the person elected to the Rockingham City Council in 1995 for a two-year term, as if this act had been ratified prior to the date of the election.
  - Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of June, 1996.

Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate Harold J. Brubaker Speaker of the House of Representatives