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## **ELECTION SEASON BRINGS ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING AND CHANGES TO REGISTRATION, PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS**

NEWTON, NC – The Catawba County Board of Elections reminds eligible voters residing in Catawba County that pre-registration for the November 8, 2016, general elections will end Friday, October 14, 2016. Voters who are not pre-registered in the county by that deadline may now register and vote during one-stop early voting, which is scheduled to take place from Thursday, October 20 through Saturday, November 5.

One-stop early voting will be offered at the following five locations:

- Newton Main Library (in lieu of the office), 115 West C Street, Newton
- Highland Recreation Center, 1451 8<sup>th</sup> St. Dr. NE, Hickory
- Southwest Library, 2944 South NC Hwy 127, Hickory
- Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library, 9154 Sherrills Ford Road, Terrell
- Conover Station, 403 Conover Station SE, Conover

These locations will be open every day from October 20 through November 5 during the following times: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. A full list of locations and voting hours at each location may be found online at [www.catawbacountync.gov/elections](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/elections). Please note early voting will not be offered at the Board of Elections office.

“We anticipate a busy Election Day this year, so we encourage residents to take advantage of the opportunity to vote early here in Catawba County,” said Catawba County Director of Elections Amanda Duncan. “Voters can cast their ballot at any of the one-stop locations during the early voting period. The ability to also register at early voting locations provides an additional convenience for people voting for the first time in Catawba County.”

If voting on Election Day, November 8, registered voters must cast their ballot at their designated precinct location. Specific precinct location information and sample ballots may be found online at [www.catawbacountync.gov/elections](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/elections).

Due to recent changes to election laws, photo identification will not be required to cast a ballot. If first-time voters do not provide identification information on their NC Voter Registration form, they will be asked to show ID the first time they present to vote. Accepted forms of identification are a current and valid photo ID, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.

Absentee ballots may be requested by any registered North Carolina voter by November 1, 2016. Requests must be made in writing on an official State Absentee Ballot Request Form, which is available from the Catawba County Board of Elections office or online at <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/elections/docs/AbsenteeBallotRequest.pdf>.

For more information on the 2016 general elections, you may call the Catawba County Board of Elections office at (828) 464-2424 or visit <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/elections/>.

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