

Special forms of local elections such as recall elections

Out of North Carolina's 550-plus municipalities and local government units, only a small number allow these types of special elections:

- **Initiative:** An election by which the voters can compel the local governing body to make certain types of local law changes
- **Referendum:** A question posed directly to the voters to decide on a local government matter
- **Recall:** A mechanism to remove municipal officeholders (there is no procedure for recall of elected officials in North Carolina, generally – the municipalities and units below are the exception to that rule)

The specifics of any of these types of procedures will depend on the laws and local authority that allow that municipal to have such a procedure. For more information about the procedures for any of the local governments below, contact the local government, the local County Board of Elections, or the State Board of Elections office.

| Municipality/Unit | County | Initiative | Referendum | Recall |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Aberdeen | Moore | | | X |
| Asheville | Buncombe | X | X | X |
| Belhaven | Beaufort | | | X |
| Burke County Board of Education | Burke | | | X |
| Cajah's Mountain | Caldwell | | | X |
| Carrboro | Orange | | | X |
| Chapel Hill | Orange | | | X |
| Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools | Orange | | | X |
| Durham | Durham | | | X |
| Foxfire Village | Moore | | | X |
| Greensboro | Guilford | X | X | X |
| Hickory | Catawba | X | X | X |
| Lewisville | Forsyth | X | X | |
| Lumberton | Robeson | X | X | X |
| Morganton | Burke | X | X | X |
| Oak Island | Brunswick | | | X |
| Pinebluff | Moore | | | X |
| Pleasant Garden | Guilford | | | X |
| Raleigh | Wake | X | X | X |
| Randleman | Randolph | | | X |
| River Bend | Craven | X | X | X |
| Spindale | Rutherford | X | X | |
| Statesville | Iredell | | | X |
| Tobaccoville | Forsyth | | | X |
| Topsail Beach | Pender | | | X |
| Troutman | Iredell | | | X |
| Wilmington | New Hanover | X | | |
| Winston-Salem | Forsyth | X | X | X |
| Wrightsville Beach | New Hanover | X | | |