Town of Charlotte Election Turnout 1993-2017

Mayor and 6 Town Council members serve 4-year terms. Council seats are at large and terms are not staggered. Prior to 2010, elections were held in June of odd years. Following the 2009 election, the election was moved to August of even years.

Year	Votes	On the Ballot
1993	298	opposed mayor, 9 candidates for 6 council seats
1997	109	opposed mayor, 7 candidates for 6 council seats
2001	469	opposed mayor, 7 candidates for 6 council seats
2005	160	unopposed mayor, 8 candidates for 6 council seats
2009	139	unopposed mayor, 8 candidates for 6 council seats
2014	397	opposed mayor, 8 candidates for 6 council seats
2018	TBD	opposed mayor, 7 candidates for 6 council seats

Referenda

The town of Charlotte held referenda on liquor questions separate from its scheduled municipal elections. Each referendum was part of the November general election ballot.

2010	331	referendum to allow retail liquor sales (failed)
2012	464	referendum to allow retail liquor sales (passed)
2016	491	referendum to allow liquor by the drink (passed)

Summary

Of the town of Charlotte's last 6 elections:

- only 1 has been held since the election cycle was changed (2014);
- there have been 4 opposed mayoral races (1993, 1997, 2007 and 2014) with the incumbent winning each;
- all 6 elections featured more than 6 candidates for the town council, and;
- there were 3 referenda on alcohol sales (2010, 2012 and 2016) held separately from the municipal election.

The highest turnout for a municipal election (469) was in 2001 with an opposed mayoral race and 7 candidates seeking 6 council seats in a stand-alone election.

The next-highest turnout for a municipal election (397) was in 2014 with an opposed mayoral race and 8 candidates for 6 council seats. This is the only election held since the election was moved from June of odd years to August of even years.

Of the 3 liquor referenda held on the November general election ballots, only 1 (2016) exceeded the voter turnout of the highest municipal election (2001) and 1 came within 5 votes (2012).