



AGENDA | BURGAW TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

May 4, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Burgaw Town Center
108 E Wilmington St

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Work Session**
 - A. Checkmate Government Relations Presentation - *Derrick Applewhite, Jr., Government Relations Director*
 - B. Review and discussion of quasi-judicial hearing procedures applicable to Council Members
 - C. Budget Updates and Discussion
 - I. Resolution 2026-08 Expressing concern regarding proposed state legislation impacting property tax authority and local government revenue in North Carolina
- 5. Adjournment**

RESOLUTION 2026-08

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN REGARDING PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION IMPACTING PROPERTY TAX AUTHORITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE IN NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, municipalities and counties across North Carolina rely on property tax revenue as a primary and stable source of funding for essential public services; and

WHEREAS, these services include, but are not limited to, public safety (law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency services), public education, infrastructure maintenance, parks and recreation, and other critical community services; and

WHEREAS, property taxes represent a direct investment by residents and businesses into the safety, functionality, and quality of life of their communities; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation at the state level may alter, limit, or otherwise impact the authority of local governments to assess and collect property taxes; and

WHEREAS, any reduction or restriction of local property tax authority without corresponding alternative revenue sources may result in decreased service levels, deferred infrastructure investment, or increased financial burdens in other forms; and

WHEREAS, many communities, particularly rural and growing areas, face unique challenges, including comparatively lower property values, which require higher tax rates to generate sufficient revenue to meet service demands; and

WHEREAS, a one-size-fits-all approach to property tax policy may disproportionately impact smaller municipalities and counties, limiting their ability to respond to local needs effectively; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are best positioned to understand and respond to the needs of their communities, and should retain flexibility in managing local revenue structures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Burgaw, North Carolina, that:

1. The Council expresses its concern regarding proposed state legislation that may limit or restrict local property tax authority without fully addressing the impact on essential public services;
2. The Council affirms that property taxes are a critical and necessary funding mechanism that directly supports the health, safety, and welfare of our community;
3. The Council urges members of the North Carolina General Assembly to carefully consider the long-term impacts of any property tax legislation on municipalities and counties, particularly those with lower property values and limited revenue alternatives;

4. The Council respectfully requests that the General Assembly preserve local control and flexibility in determining appropriate property tax policies;
5. The Council encourages open dialogue and collaboration between state and local leaders to ensure that any reforms to property tax policy are balanced, equitable, and sustainable;
6. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the members of the North Carolina General Assembly representing this jurisdiction and to other appropriate state officials.

ADOPTED this, the 4th day of May 2026.

Signed: _____
G. Olivia Dawson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Kristin J. Wells, Town Clerk