



Overview of Town-Initiated Administrative Dissolution

LGC staff prepared this document as an overview of the town-initiated administrative dissolution process. It does not include all requirements and does not constitute legal or accounting advice. Please reference [N.C. General Statutes Chapter 160A, Article 32, Part 3](#) and consult your unit attorney for guidance.

1. **Adopt a resolution of intent** at a regular meeting; provide the resolution to the LGC and the county or counties in which the city lies.
Reference: [G.S. 160A-860](#)
2. **Develop and Release an impact statement** within 90 days of the adoption of the resolution of intent to dissolve. The impact statement is filed with the clerk for public review.
Reference: [G.S. 160A-862](#)
3. **Hold at least two public hearings at regular meetings:**
 - a. the first public hearing must be at least 45 days and not more than 90 days after filing the impact statement
 - b. the second public hearing must be at least 45 days and not more than 180 days after the first public hearingReference: [G.S. 160A-864](#)
4. **Develop a plan of action** to distribute all assets and liabilities of the city; the plan must be approved by the LGC. The city may adopt a resolution to request the assistance of the LGC to develop the plan of action. The approved plan must be presented at a regular meeting of the city.
Reference: [G.S. 160A-866](#).
5. **Conduct a public hearing** on whether to adopt a resolution to dissolve pursuant to the plan of action.
Reference: [G.S. 160A-868](#)
6. **Adopt a final resolution to dissolve the city** at a regular meeting that is separate and apart from the public hearing held in step 5.
Reference: [G.S. 160A-868](#)
Note: Citizens may initiate a referendum on the resolution to dissolve the city via a petition within 45 days of the adoption of the resolution to dissolve the city. See [G.S. 160A-870](#).
7. **Dissolution is effective** June 30 following adoption of a final resolution to dissolve the city (assuming no petition submitted, or, if a referendum is held, the referendum result is in favor of dissolution), and completion of plan of action. Reference: [G.S. 160A-872](#)

Sample Schedule

September 8, 2026	Adopt a resolution of intent at a regular meeting (G.S. 160A-860) Adopt a resolution requesting LGC assistance to develop plan of action (G.S. 160A-866)
November 20, 2026	Release an impact statement (within 90 days of resolution of intent). (G.S. 160A-862)
January 12, 2027	First public hearing at a regular meeting (at least 45 days and not more than 90 days after filing the impact statement), ensuring compliance with advertising requirements (G.S. 160A-864)
March 9, 2027	Second public hearing at a regular meeting (at least 45 days and not more than 180 days after the first public hearing,) ensuring compliance with advertising requirements (G.S. 160A-864)
April 6, 2027	Request LGC approval of plan of action (G.S. 160A-866)
April 13, 2027	Present approved plan of action at regular meeting (G.S. 160A-866)
April 2027	Conduct a public hearing on whether to adopt a resolution to dissolve the city in accordance with the plan of action, ensuring compliance with advertising requirements (G.S. 160A-868)
May 11, 2027	Adopt a resolution to dissolve the city (G.S. 160A-868)
June 30, 2027	Effective date of dissolution (G.S. 160A-872), following completion of the plan of action, and LGC written confirmation the plan is completed, assuming residents have not petitioned for a referendum on dissolution to be held (or a referendum passed) (G.S. 160A-870)