

1 the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected to
2 two-year terms. In 2005, and quadrennially thereafter, two members shall be elected to
3 four-year terms.

4 "Section 3.4. **Manner of Electing Mayor; Term of Office; Duties.** The qualified
5 voters of the entire Town shall elect the Mayor. In 2003, and quadrennially thereafter,
6 the Mayor shall be elected for a term of four years.

7 "Section 3.5. **Residence of Governing Body Members.** All members of the
8 governing body of the Town of Red Cross, whether elected or appointed, must be
9 registered voters who reside within the corporate limits of the Town of Red Cross in
10 order to qualify to take, hold, and continue in any such office.

11 "ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS.

12 "Section. 4.1. **Conduct of Town Elections.** Elections shall be conducted on a
13 nonpartisan basis and results determined by a plurality as provided in G.S. 163-292.

14 "ARTICLE V. ADMINISTRATION.

15 "Section 5.1. **Village to Operate Under Mayor-Council Plan.** The Town of Red
16 Cross will operate under the Mayor-Council form of government as provided in Part 3
17 of Article 7 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes."

18 **SECTION 2.** From and after the effective date of this act, the citizens and
19 property in the Town of Red Cross shall be subject to municipal taxes levied for the
20 year beginning July 1, 2002, and for that purpose, the Town shall obtain from Stanly
21 County a record of property in the area incorporated in Section 1 of this act that was
22 listed for taxes as of January 1, 2002. The Town may adopt a budget ordinance for fiscal
23 year 2002-2003 without following the timetable in the Local Government Budget and
24 Fiscal Control Act, but shall follow the sequence of actions in the spirit of the act
25 insofar as is practical. For fiscal year 2002-2003, ad valorem taxes may be paid at par or
26 face amount within 90 days of adoption of the budget ordinance and thereafter in
27 accordance with the schedule in G.S. 105-360. If the effective date of incorporation is
28 prior to July 1, 2002, the Town may adopt a budget ordinance for fiscal year 2001-2002
29 without following the timetable in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control
30 Act, but shall follow the sequence of actions in the spirit of the act insofar as is
31 practical.

32 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.