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Wadesboro names Patrick Baker, former Durham city manager and Charlotte city attorney, as town attorney

WADESBORO, N.C. (July 22, 2025) – The Town of Wadesboro has announced the appointment of Patrick W. Baker as town attorney, effective July 1, 2025.

Baker brings more than three decades of legal experience to the role, including 28 years dedicated exclusively to municipal law and government service. A seasoned public servant, Baker is uniquely distinguished as one of the few professionals in the nation to have served as both a city attorney and a city manager.

His municipal law career began in Durham in 1997, where he served as an assistant city attorney focusing on civil litigation. He defended police liability and Section 1983 claims as well as personal injury, contract and employment law cases.

From 2004 to 2008, Baker served as Durham city manager, overseeing daily operations of an administration with more than 2,500 employees. During his tenure, he played a pivotal role in advancing economic development and quality-of-life initiatives, including public infrastructure bond projects, downtown revitalization, affordable housing efforts, and the development of cultural landmarks such as the Durham Performing Arts Center and the historic Durham Athletic Park, famously featured in the film “Bull Durham.”

In 2008, he returned to legal roots as Durham’s city attorney, leading a team of attorneys and staff who provided comprehensive legal and policy guidance to the city council and administration.

In 2019, Baker accepted the position of city attorney for the City of Charlotte, managing a legal team of nearly 50 employees until his retirement in 2024.

“Patrick Baker is widely respected in both North Carolina and national municipal law circles,” said Town Manager Wiley Ross. “His wealth of experience, proven leadership and commitment to public service make him an incredible asset to Wadesboro. We are honored to welcome him to our team.”

Baker has served on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina League of Municipalities, and as president of both the North Carolina Association of Municipal Attorneys and the International Municipal Lawyers Association. He is currently president-elect of Charlotte Rotary and serves on the boards of the Knothole Foundation, which supports youth development through baseball, and Camp Blue Skies, which offers recreational, social and life skills camps for adults with developmental disabilities.

A North Carolina native, Baker was born at USMC Base Camp Lejeune and raised in USMC Air Station Cherry Point and Havelock. He is a Double Deac, having earned his undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University and his law degree from Wake Forest University School of Law.

About Wadesboro

Located in the heart of Anson County, the Town of Wadesboro is a vibrant community dedicated to providing high-quality public services, fostering economic development and maintaining a healthy environment for all residents. As the county seat, Wadesboro serves as a hub for government, commerce and culture in the region. For more information, visit www.townofwadesboronc.gov, and [click here](#) to follow us on Facebook.