



Official Statement from the Town of Edenton
Regarding the Scheduled Demonstration on August 9, 2025

Town of Edenton
August 2, 2025

The Town of Edenton is aware of a planned protest by the group known as *Rebels at the Battery*, scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

We affirm the constitutional rights of all individuals and groups to peacefully assemble and express their views, as protected by the First and Fourth Amendments. The Town supports the free expression of ideas, provided such expression remains lawful and respectful of the broader community.

Protesters are reminded that public spaces—such as sidewalks, parks, and town-owned areas—may be used for peaceful demonstration, provided there is no obstruction of traffic, interference with pedestrian access, or damage to public property. Blocking entrances to buildings, including businesses, or preventing the free movement of passersby is strictly prohibited.

The Town of Edenton will not tolerate any behavior that disrupts local commerce or threatens the safety, peace, or day-to-day life of our residents and visitors. Any acts of vandalism, harassment, or physical intimidation—whether directed at businesses, individuals, or other groups—will be met with appropriate enforcement actions under local and state law.

Our law enforcement agencies have developed a comprehensive public safety plan to ensure the well-being of the entire community throughout the event. **For operational security reasons, the Town will not be releasing or discussing specific security provisions with the general public, businesses, or any individual groups involved in the demonstration.** This approach is intended to maintain the integrity and effectiveness of our safety protocols.

We encourage all participants to engage peacefully and lawfully. The Town remains committed to protecting public safety, individual rights, and the integrity of our local community.

For general inquiries related to public space use or permits, please contact the Edenton Police Department at 252-482-5144 or Town Hall at 252-482-2155.

Respectfully,

W. Hackney High, Jr.
Mayor, Town of Edenton

Chief of Police David Lafon
Chief of Police, Edenton Police Department

Corey Gooden
Town Manager