

## **NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY OF ORANGEBURG**

Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Election for the City of Orangeburg will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The purpose of this election will be to elect the Mayor and City Council Districts: District 1, District 3, and District 5 to serve a four (4) year term as required by law.

The filing period closes on June 28, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. All candidates must file a Petition and a Statement of Candidacy with the City Clerk at the City of Orangeburg located at 979 Middleton Street, Orangeburg, SC., The number of signatures required is 5% of the registered voters of the district. There is no filing fee. The South Carolina Code of Laws (7-13-190) was amended to state that if only one person files for each of the above listed offices and no one files a declaration to be a write-in candidate with the Municipal Election Commission within 14 calendar days after the filing period closes (July 12, 2017 by 12 noon), the election will not be held for that office and the person who filed will be declared the winner.

The Statement of Economic Interest Form must be filed on line with the State Ethics Commission, pursuant to The Equal Access to the Ballot Act (effective July 3, 2013). A candidate is no longer required to file a paper copy of his/her Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) form with the Town Clerk when the resident files to become a candidate in an election. A candidate must still file an SEI Form and Campaign Disclosure Form with the State Ethics Commission online (<http://ethics.sc.gov>).

Any person wishing to register to vote in this election must do so no later than August 12, 2017.

The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the locations designated below. The Managers of Election shall see that each person offering to vote takes the oath that he/she is qualified to vote at this election according to the Constitution of this State and that he/she has not voted before in this election.

Voters who are blind, physically disabled or unable to read or write are entitled to assistance in casting his/her ballot. This assistance may be given by anyone the voter chooses except his/her employer, an agent of his/her employer or an officer or agent of his/her union. The Managers must be notified if assistance is needed.

Voters who are unable to enter their polling place due to physical handicap or are 65 years of age or older may vote in the vehicle in which they drove or were driven to the polls. When notified, the managers will help voters using the curbside voting provision.

Registered electors who cannot vote in person may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Persons wishing more information concerning absentee voting should contact the Orangeburg County Voter Registration and Elections Commission at (803) 533-6210.

**At 9:00 a.m. on Election Day, the Municipal Election Commission will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 933 Middleton Street, Orangeburg, SC.**

On Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., the Municipal Election Commission will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in these elections and canvass the votes and certify the election results. This hearing will be held at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 933 Middleton Street, Orangeburg, SC.

## CITY OF ORANGEBURG

### Precincts

Ward 1

Ward 2

Ward 3

Ward 4

Ward 5

Ward 6

Ward 7

Ward 8

Ward 9

Ward 10

Suburban 1

Suburban 2

Suburban 3

Suburban 4

Suburban 5

Suburban 7

Suburban 8

Suburban 9

### Polling Places (location)

Orangeburg Arts Center (River Pavilion)

619 Riverside Drive, Orangeburg, SC

Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce

155 Riverside Drive, SW, Orangeburg

Mellichamp Elementary School

350 Murray RD, Orangeburg

Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center

200 Buckley ST, Orangeburg

Zimmerman Youth Center

759 Peasley ST, Orangeburg

Youth Canteen

1620 Middleton ST, Orangeburg

Sheridan Elementary School

1139 Hillsboro Road, Orangeburg, SC

William J. Clark Middle School

919 Bennett Avenue, Orangeburg, SC

Marshall Elementary School

1441 Marshall AVE, Orangeburg

Sheridan Elementary School

1139 Hillsboro RD, Orangeburg

Robert Howard Middle School

1255 Belleville RD, Orangeburg

Whittaker Elementary School

790 Whittaker Parkway

Orangeburg Area Development Center

1060 Pineland ST, Orangeburg

Orangeburg Municipal Airport

1811 Airport Road

Rivelon Elementary School

350 Thomas B Eklund Circle

W J Clark Middle School

919 Bennett Avenue

Marshall Elementary School

1441 Marshall AVE, Orangeburg

Human Resource Center

2570 St Matthews Road

## CITY OF ORANGEBURG MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

Note: All numerical statutes are in reference to S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

- JUNE 12** PLACE FIRST “NOTICE OF ELECTION” and “NOTICE OF FILING AD” (7-13-35)
- JUNE 26** SECOND “NOTICE OF ELECTION” AD (7-13-35)
- JUNE 28** STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY AND PETITION 5% SIGNATURES OF THE DISTRICT IS REQUIRED MUST BE FILED WITH THE MUNICIPAL CLERK NO LATER THAN 12 NOON (**PETITION MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 75 DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION**)
- JUNE 28** COPY OF STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY AND PETITIONS DELIVERED TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE
- JULY 12** LAST DAY TO FILE AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE 12NOON
- JULY 13** STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY AND PETITIONS MUST BE VERIFIED BY THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE (7-11-85) (**15 DAYS TO VERIFY SIGNATURES, 60 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION**)
- JULY 17** BEGIN RECRUITING POLL WORKERS (7-13-72)
- AUGUST 12** LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTION (7-5-150)
- TBA** POLL MANAGER TRAINING SESSION
- SEPTEMBER 11** POLL WORKERS PICK UP ELECTION MATERIAL FROM COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
- SEPTEMBER 12** **\*\* ELECTION DAY\*\***  
POLLS OPEN 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 14** MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION HOLDS PROVISIONAL BALLOT, CHALLENGED BALLOT HEARING AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS. (5-15-100)  
MEC must convene no later than 1:00 p.m., Thursday after the election and conduct a hearing on any ballots challenged and officially certifies the results. Remember all results are unofficial until certified by the Municipal Election Commission
- SEPTEMBER 14** DEADLINE FOR FILING PROTEST OF ELECTION WITH MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION. (5-15-130)  
All candidates have 48 hours from the close of the polls to protest the results. Any protest must be filed in writing with the MEC within the 48 hour period from the close of the polls. The deadline to file a protest is Thursday, 7:00 p.m. **If your election is protested, immediately contact your town attorney for representation**

**SEPTEMBER 16 DEADLINE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT PROTEST HEARING. (5-15-130)**  
Within 48 hours of the filing of any protest, the MEC must notify all parties concerned and must conduct a protest hearing. It is very important that a record of the protest proceedings be kept. It is recommended that the MEC obtain the services of a court reporter or stenographer to provide this record. In the event that the MEC's decision is appealed, the court will need to have a copy of the protest hearing. Additionally, the MEC should prepare, with the assistance of the town attorney, a written order concerning its decision in the protested election. This order should be sent to all candidates involved in the protest

**SEPTEMBER 19 LAST DAY TO FILE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES LIST WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.**  
After certification of the election results determining the winners, a list of all the successful candidates must be given to the State Ethics Commission by this date

**LAST DAY TO FILE APPEAL OF PROTEST HEARING TO COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. (5-15-140) (ANY CANDIDATE AGGRIEVED BY THE DECISION HAS 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE DECISION TO APPEAL TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS)**

### Return of Election Material

Please return all materials provided in the election with the exception of the ballots voted and un-voted. The town is required to keep all ballots used and unused in the election for 24 months and then they may be destroyed. The county will pick up the voting booths as soon as possible after the election. The MEC must provide one copy of the officially certified election results to the town clerk and one copy to the Orangeburg County Election Commission

If you have any questions, please call as soon as possible. You can receive assistance by calling the Orangeburg County Voter Registration & Elections office at the following numbers:

533-6213 Aurora Smalls  
533-6210 Ginger Howe  
533-6211 Tonia Whetstone  
533-6212 Delphine Woolridge  
533-6215 Fax

If we cannot be reached you may contact the State Election Commission at the following numbers:

(803) 734-9060 Main Number  
(803) 734-9070 Chris Whitmire, Public Information & Training Director