

2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULE

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

- JULY 29** PLACE FIRST “NOTICE OF ELECTION” and “NOTICE OF FILING AD” in Newspaper (7-13-35) **must be published no later than 60 days before the election.**
- AUGUST 12** SECOND “NOTICE OF ELECTION” AD (7-13-35) **Must be published exactly two weeks after the first notice.**
- AUGUST 1** FILING PERIOD OPEN 12 NOON- **(no later than 60 days prior to election 5-15-70)** STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY MUST BE FILED WITH THE MUNICIPAL CLERK **(Acceptance of Filing 7-13-45)**
- AUGUST 15** FILING PERIOD CLOSE 12 NOON
- DAILY** COPY OF STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY GIVEN TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE
- DAILY** STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY MUST BE VERIFIED BY THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE
- OCTOBER 4** LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTION (7-5-150)
- OCT 20- OCT 31** EARLY VOTING PERIOD **(2 weeks before the election Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00 7-13-25)**
- NOVEMBER 4** **** ELECTION DAY**** (Set for the 13th Tuesday after vacancy occurs 7-13-190 C) POLLS OPEN 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. **(Hours polls open 7-13-60)**
- NOVEMBER 6** 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
- NOVEMBER 6** 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
- NOVEMBER 8** 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

NOVEMBER 12

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 Mary Ann Williams
- 533-6211 Tonia Whetstone
- 533-6212 Angela Glover
- 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 Public Information & Training Director