

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 8, 2009. The purpose of this election will be to elect the Mayor and the following City Council Districts: District 1, District 3, and District 5 to serve a four (4) year term as required by law.

The filing period begins May 6, 2009 and the filing period closes on June 25, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. All candidates must file a Petition, Statement of Candidacy and Statement of Economic Interest Form 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 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, the election will not be held for that office and the person who filed will be declared the winner.

Any person wishing to register to vote in this election must do so no later than August 8, 2009.

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 2:00 p.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 979 Middleton Street, Orangeburg, SC.

On Thursday, September 10, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., the Municipal Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in these elections. This hearing will be held at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 979 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
Absentee/Barrier Free

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
Orangeburg County Administrative Centre
1437 Amelia Street, Orangeburg, SC

CITY OF ORANGEBURG MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULE -- SEPT. 8, 2009

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

MAY 6	PLACE FIRST "NOTICE OF ELECTION" and "NOTICE OF FILING AD" (7-13-35)
MAY 20	SECOND "NOTICE OF ELECTION" AD (7-13-35)
JUNE 25	PETITIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE MUNICIPAL CLERK NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. (5-15-70)
JUNE 26	PETITIONS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE
JULY 10	PETITIONS MUST BE VERIFIED BY THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE
JULY 20	BEGIN RECRUITING POLL WORKERS. (7-13-72)
AUGUST 8	LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTION. (7-5-150)
AUGUST 10	POLL MANAGER TRAINING SESSION
SEPTEMBER 4	POLL WORKERS PICK UP ELECTION MATERIAL FROM COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.
SEPTEMBER 8	** ELECTION DAY** POLLS OPEN 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 10	MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION HOLDS CHALLENGED BALLOT HEARING AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS. (5-15-100)
SEPTEMBER 10	DEADLINE FOR FILING PROTEST OF ELECTION WITH MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION. (5-15-130)
SEPTEMBER 12	DEADLINE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT PROTEST HEARING. (5-15-130)
SEPTEMBER 15	LAST DAY TO FILE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES LIST WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.
SEPTEMBER 22	LAST DAY TO FILE APPEAL OF PROTEST HEARING TO COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. (5-15-140)

- May 6** Place First “Notice of Election” And
“Notice of Filing Ad” (7-13-35)
- May 20** Second “Notice of Election” AD (7-13-35)
- June 25** Petitions must be filed with the municipal Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. (5-15-70)
- June 26** Petitions must be delivered to the Orangeburg County Voter Registration and
Elections Commission (5-15-70)
- July 10** Petitions must be verified by the Orangeburg County Voter Registration and
Elections Commission
- July 20** **BEGIN RECRUITING POLL WORKERS**
Need a minimum of 3 poll workers for each precinct. Poll workers cannot be
Municipal Election Commissioners or immediately related to any candidate who will
appear on the ballot. Poll workers do not have to be residents of the town but it is
advisable. The City rate of pay for poll workers is 1 poll manager per precinct at
\$150.00 and all other poll workers at \$100.00 each. (7-13-72)
- August 8** **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE.**
Last day to register to vote and be eligible to participate in this election.
- August 10** **POLL MANAGER TRAINING**
All poll workers must attend training and receive certification in order to conduct
the election and be paid. Municipal Election Commissioners should attend training.
- September 4** **POLL WORKERS PICK UP ELECTION MATERIAL FROM COUNTY**
Poll manager supplies, instructions and all other necessary paper work will be
available for pickup in the County Administrative Centre, Registration & Elections
Office, Room 201 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday before the
election. Voting booths and ballot boxes will be delivered by the Orangeburg
County Public Works Department. Commissioners should confirm that all
materials necessary to conduct the election are in order. Commissioners should
verify that access to all poll facilities has been arranged for poll workers to arrive no
later than 6:15 a.m. on Election Day.
- September 8** **** ELECTION DAY ** POLLS OPEN 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
Commissioners do not have to be at the polls all day but should be available if
necessary. Commissioners are responsible for picking up any absentee ballots from
the Voter Registration & Elections office by 7:00 p.m. At the close of the polls, the
poll workers return all elections materials, except for the voting machines to the
Voter Registration & Elections office. Commissioners are responsible for securing
all election material until certification hearing is held on the Thursday after the
election.

- September 10** **MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION HOLDS CHALLENGED BALLOT HEARING AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS.**
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 10** **PROTESTED ELECTION DEADLINE**
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 12** **PROTEST HEARING DEADLINE**
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 15** **FILE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES LIST**
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.
- September 22** **APPEAL OF PROTEST HEARING DEADLINE**
Any candidate aggrieved by your decision in a protest hearing has 10 days from the date of your 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 22 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	Howard Jackson
533-6210	Vacant
533-6211	Kizzie Scott
533-6212	Vacant
533-6214	Vacant
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) 734-9146	Gary Baum, Public Information Director
(803) 734-9070	Chris Whitmire, Public Information Coordinator