

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2021 CITY OF ORANGEBURG

Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Election for the City of Orangeburg will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. The purpose of this election will be to elect the 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 on June 28, 2021 and closes on July 12, 2021 at 12 noon. All candidates must file a Statement of Candidacy with the City Clerk at the City of Orangeburg located at 979 Middleton Street, Orangeburg, SC. The filing fee is \$150 for a Council Seat. An indigent person may file without a fee if the Statement of Candidacy is accompanied by a notarized affidavit establishing indigent status. A candidate filing for a seat on City Council must be a registered voter in the district he/she files at the time of filing.

The Statement of Economic Interest Form must be filed online 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 14, 2020.

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 10:00 a.m. on Election Day, the Municipal Election Commission will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at the Orangeburg County Voter Registration & Elections Office, 1475 Amelia Street, Room, Orangeburg, SC 29115, and phone number (803)533-6210.

On Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., the Municipal Election Commission will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election 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.

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Precincts

Polling Places (location)

Ward 2	Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce 155 Riverside Drive, SW, Orangeburg
Ward 3	Mellichamp Elementary School 350 Murray RD, Orangeburg
Ward 4	Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center 200 Buckley ST, Orangeburg
Ward 5	Zimmerman Youth Center 759 Peasley ST, Orangeburg
Ward 6	Youth Canteen 1620 Middleton ST, Orangeburg
Ward 9	Marshall Elementary School 1441 Marshall AVE, Orangeburg
Ward 10	Sheridan Elementary School 1139 Hillsboro RD, Orangeburg
Suburban 8	Marshall Elementary School 1441 Marshall AVE, Orangeburg
Suburban 9	Human Resource Center 2570 St Matthews Road

CITY OF ORANGEBURG MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULE (2021)

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

- JUNE 21** PLACE FIRST “NOTICE OF ELECTION in Newspaper”(7-13-35) must be published no later than 60 days before the election.
- JULY 5** SECOND “NOTICE OF ELECTION” AD (7-13-35) must published exactly two weeks after the 1st notice.
- JUNE 28** 12NOON CANDIDATE FILING OPENS (no later than 60 Days before an election)
- JULY 12** 12NOON CANDIDATE FILING CLOSES
- JULY 12** COPY OF STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY DELIVERED TO THE COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS OFFICE
- AUGUST 14** LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTION (7-5-150)
- SEPTEMBER 14** **** ELECTION DAY****
POLLS OPEN 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 16** 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 16** 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 18** 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 20** 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**

24-8.5 Signs in the Public Right-of-Way.

No sign shall be allowed in the public right-of-way, except for the following:

- a. Public signs erected by or on behalf of a governmental body to post legal notices, identify public property, convey public information, and direct or regulate pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
- b. Bus stop signs erected by a public transit company;
- c. Informational signs of a public agency or utility regarding its facilities;
- d. Awning, projecting, and suspended signs projecting over a public right-of-way in conformity with the conditions established by this section;
- e. Emergency signs.

(Ord. No. 2000-2, Art. VIII; Ord. No. 208-3, Art. VIII)

24-8.6 Temporary Signs.

<i>Sign Type</i>	<i>Display Period</i>	<i>Display Intervals</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Conditions</i>
A-Frame	operation hours only	off-hours	12 sq. ft.	A
Banner	30 days	6 months	None	B
Posters	30 days	None	6 sq. ft.	C
Portable	30 days	11 months	32 sq. ft.	D
Inflatable	30 days	1 year	None	E
Pennants	30 days	6 months	None	B
Identification	90 days, or project completion	None	200 sq. ft.	F
Political	30 days prior to election	None	32 sq. ft.	C

Table Notes:

A. A-Frame signs, where located on sidewalks, shall be located in front of the business to which it relates and in such a manner as not to obstruct pedestrian movement.

B. Banners and pennants shall be properly secured and maintained at all times, shall not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular movement, and shall not exceed twenty-four (24') feet in height.

C. Posters shall not be allowed on any telephone or power poles or any public right-of-way, and shall be placed no closer than five (5') feet from the public right-of-way.

D. Portable signs shall be limited to one (1) per lot, shall have no colored or flashing lights, shall not be wired so as to obstruct or hinder pedestrian or vehicular traffic or pose any potential for such hindrance (i.e. exposed drop cord), shall not exceed six (6') feet in height, shall be anchored in accord with the Building Code, and shall not be converted to a permanent sign.

E. Inflatable signs shall be properly anchored, shall not interfere with airport traffic, and shall not exceed twenty-four (24') feet in height.

F. Temporary subdivision and work under construction identification signs shall adhere to the development standards of subsection 24-8.7.

(Ord. No. 2000-2, Art. VIII; Ord. No. 2008-3, Art. VIII)

24-8.7 Development Standards.

All signs allowed by this Article shall comply with the development standards of this section.

a. *Visual Area Clearance.* No sign shall be located within a vision clearance area as defined in subsection 24-11.5.

b. *Vehicle Area Clearance.* When a sign extends over an area where vehicles travel or are parked, the bottom of the sign structure shall be at least fourteen (14') feet above the ground. Vehicle areas include driveways, alleys, parking lots, and loading and maneuvering areas.

c. *Pedestrian Area Clearance.* When a sign extends over sidewalks, walkways or other spaces accessible to pedestrians, the bottom of the sign structure shall be at least eight and one-half (8-1/2') feet above the ground.

d. *Sign Materials.* Signs must be constructed of durable all-weather materials, maintained in good condition and not permitted to fall in disrepair.

e. *Sign Illumination.* Signs when illuminated shall have such lighting shielded so as not to directly shine on abutting properties or in the line of vision of the public using the streets or sidewalks.

No illumination simulating traffic control devices or emergency vehicles shall be used, nor shall lights which are intermittently switched on and off, changed in intensity or color, or otherwise displayed to create the illusion of flashing or movement be permitted. (Ord. No. 2000-2, Art. VIII; Ord. No. 2008-3, Art. VIII)

24-8.8 Sign Measurement.

a. Sign Face Area.

1. The area of a sign enclosed in frames or cabinets is determined by measuring the outer dimensions of the frame or cabinet surrounding the sign face (Illustration 1).^{*} Sign area does not include foundations or

supports. Only one (1) side of a double-faced or V-shaped, free-standing sign is counted.

2. For signs on a base material and attached without a frame, such as a wood board or plexiglass panel, the dimensions of the base material are to be used in the measurement unless it is clear that part of the base contains no sign related display or decoration.

3. For signs constructed of individual pieces attached to a building wall, sign area is determined by a perimeter drawn around all the pieces (Illustration 2).^{*}

4. For sign structures containing multiple modules oriented in the same direction, the modules together are counted as one (1) sign face (Illustration 3).^{*}

5. The maximum surface area visible at one time of a round or three-dimensional sign is counted to determine sign area.

6. For signs incorporated into awnings, the entire panel containing the sign is counted as the sign face unless it is clear that part of the panel contains no sign related display or decoration.

b. *Clearances.* Clearances are measured from the grade directly below the sign to the bottom of the sign structure enclosing the sign face (Illustration 4).^{*} (Ord. No. 2000-2, Art. VIII; Ord. No. 2008-3, Art. VIII)

24-8.9 Removal of Signs.

a. The lawful use of any permanently mounted sign existing at the time of the enactment of this chapter may be continued although such use does not conform with the provisions of this chapter, except those declared abandoned or in state of disrepair, which shall be removed within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this chapter.

b. Any existing sign which is subsequently abandoned shall be removed, and any existing sign exceeding the allowable face area by twenty-five (25%) percent, and which is subsequently destroyed or damaged to the extent of fifty (50%) percent or more of its

^{*}Editor's Note: The illustration referred to herein may be found at the end of this Article.