

Surfside Beach Municipal Message



Town Election Candidate Filing Opens

August 23, 2019 at 12 noon and Closes September 6, 2019 at 12 Noon

Are you interested in serving the Town of Surfside Beach as a councilmember? Candidate Filing for the November 5, 2019 Election opens on Friday, August 23, 2019 at 12 o'clock noon and close on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 12 o'clock noon. The ballot will include an election of the mayor and three (3) councilmembers. Candidates must be qualified electors (registered to vote), have lived in town at least 30 days prior to filing, and pay a filing fee.



Does your picture belong here?

Experience is not required! A desire to serve the town and its residents will go a long way toward effective service. Elected officials may, but are not required to, attend the Municipal Elected Officials Institute offered by the Municipal Association of South Carolina either in person or on-line, and there are volumes of information available to help you, in addition to town staff. Council meetings are once a month on the 4th Tuesday, except in December when the meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday. The mayor's salary is \$9,600 annually, and councilmembers' salary is \$6,000 annually, paid monthly. Preapproved actual expenses are reimbursable, and a per diem is paid for overnight travel.

Town Code §5-16 Qualifications for candidates. All qualified electors of the town may offer as candidates, compliant with the filing deadlines, fee requirements and other requirements set forth herein and the State of South Carolina and the Horry County Election Commission. In addition to being a qualified elector, a qualified candidate must have resided in the town for thirty (30) days prior to filing and must continue to reside in the town at the time of election, and so certify upon requests. When you register as a candidate you will need to bring your voter registration card, SC drivers license or other proof of residency, and filing fee: \$100 to file for mayor; \$75 for town council.

Read more about the town's elections at www.surfsidebeach.org/elections or visit https://library.municode.com/sc/surfside_beach/codes/code_of_ordinances, Chapter 5 of the Town Code. To schedule an appointment to file for office or for more information, call 843.913.6333 or email dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org. (See page 4, "Government 101," to read more about Town Council and town operations.)

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Town Council

Meeting Schedule

The remainder of the 2019 regular meetings are at 6:00 p.m. on July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, and December 12.

Sites to visit are

www.surfsidebeach.org/ordinances and

www.surfsidebeach.org/calendar

Questions-call 843.913.6333

Event	Day/Dates/Time	Location (addresses are on the back cover)
Crafter's Cove	Wednesdays through August 14 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Under Surfside Pier
Beach Hula Show	Tuesday through August 6 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	North side of Surfside Pier
Farmers Market	Tuesdays through October 29 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Passive Park
Sunday Serenades	Sundays through September 29 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Sunday Serenades
Skyhoundz Disc Championship	Saturday, September 21 10:00 a.m.	Martin Field
SC Sea Grant Beach Sweep	Saturday, September 21 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Surfside Pier (gloves and bags provided)
Surfside Beach Family Festival	Saturday, October 5 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Surfside Drive
Senior Fair	Friday, October 18 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Surfside Fire Station
Halloween Car Show	Saturday, October 26 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Surfside Pier
Veterans Day Service	Monday, November 11 2:00 p.m.	Veterans Memorial
Turkey Trot 10K & 5K	Thursday, November 28 8:00 a.m.	Meet at Surfside Pier – register on race day or preregister*
Christmas Tree Lighting	Thursday, December 5 6:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Christmas Parade	Saturday, December 14 2:00 p.m.	Starts at 16 th Ave S on Ocean Boulevard; turns on Surfside Drive
Breakfast with Santa <i>Registration is required.**</i>	Saturday, December 21 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	The Golden Egg Restaurant 415 Highway 17 North

*To preregister for the Turkey Trot visit: www.raceplace.com/events/52375/10th-annual-surfside-beach-turkey-trot

**To register for the Breakfast with Santa, or for more information about events, call 843.650.9548 or email dellis@surfsidebeach.org.



Crafters Cove for kids under the pier every Wednesday through August 14



Farmers Market at Passive Park every Tuesday through October 29

Eagle Scout Community Service Project

Eagle Scout Candidate Tom Serviss chose the Surfside Beach Branch of the Horry County Senior Center as his community service project.

Scout Serviss raised money, bought supplies, convinced his fellow Scouts and many other to help him power-wash, paint, and continue the clean-up efforts started earlier in May by several town committees and staff.

His efforts and those of his fellow scouts were recognized by Mayor Childs at the June 25th Town Council Meeting.

Mayor Childs presented each Scout with a certificate of appreciation and a town lapel pen. Scout Serviss' certificate read, in part,

Today we celebrate your dedication and commitment to community service demonstrated by your tireless effort to improve the Horry County Senior Center located at 1032 10th Avenue North, Surfside Beach, by raising funds, donating your time, performing the work, and demonstrating leadership by encouraging your fellow Scouts to assist.



Eagle Scout Candidate Tom Serviss was recognized by Mayor Childs at the June 25 Town Council Meeting for his work at the Senior Center.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CANDIDATE FILING FOR THE NOVEMBER 5 TOWN ELECTION OPENS AUGUST 23, 2019 AND ENDS SEPTEMBER 6, 2019



The Horry County Election Commission will hold a General Election for the Town of Surfside Beach on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 to elect one Mayor and three Town Councilmembers. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. This is a nonpartisan election and no reference to party affiliation will be placed on the ballot.

Offices included: 1 Mayor Seat, and 3 Town Council Seats all with terms beginning December 10, 2019 and ending December 12, 2023

Candidate Filing Opens Friday, August 23, 2019 at 12:00 o'clock noon and closes Friday, September 6, 2019 at 12:00 o'clock noon. Candidates may file in the town clerk's office at Town Hall, 115 US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, and must be at least 18 years of age; registered electors, and town residents for at least 30 days. Filing fees: Mayor \$100; Town Council \$75. Walk-in candidates are welcomed during business hours while filing is open or by appointment scheduled with the town clerk (after-hours appointments are available when made in advance).

Polling Locations: Surfside #1 Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, 829 N Pine Drive, Surfside Beach. Surfside #2 and Surfside #4 Surfside United Methodist Church, 800 13th Avenue N, Surfside Beach.

Qualifications for Voting: Last date to register to vote in this election is October 4, 2019. Surfside Beach electors must present a valid photo identification pursuant SC Code §7-13-710. Contact Horry County Board of Voter Registration (843.915.5440), or visit www.scvotes.org to register.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact the town clerk 843.913.6333 or dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org, or visit www.surfsidebeach.org/elections.



Eagle Scout Troop 819 and leaders.



Eagle Scout Troop 819 leads the Pledge of Allegiance at the June 25th, 2019 Town Council Meeting.

Government 101

Surfside Beach operates under the council form of government. That means that each member has equal authority with just a few exceptions. Authority to act on behalf of the Town lays within the corporate body of Town Council. Council may occasionally authorize a member to act independently for a special event, but that must be done in a public meeting that was properly advertised according to the Freedom of Information Act.

Town Code §2-21 states that the mayor is elected at large from the town. The mayor shall be recognized as the head of the town for all ceremonial purposes and by the governor for purposes of military law. He shall preside over the meetings of the town council, be ex officio chairman of all appointed committees, but shall have no regular administrative duties. He should exercise all powers and authority vested in him by the town charter, in the laws of the state, and the ordinances of the town. He should ensure that all negligence, carelessness and positive violations of duty is investigated and the proper remedial measures are taken. The mayor may call special town council meetings, or four members of council may do so. The process is in §2-36(c) of the Town Code.

§2-42 States that all actions of council shall be by majority vote of members present at a public meeting. Every member shall vote on every question, except when required to refrain from



Fire batons at the Beach Hula Show. Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The last show for this season is August 6th

voting by state law (that would be a recusal due to economic interest.) No member of council may leave chambers during a meeting without permission of the mayor, and members must be present to vote.

The mayor pro tempore is elected by Town Council after every election. The “mayor pro tem” is vested with all the powers, duties and responsibilities of the mayor in the event the mayor is unable to perform his duties. If both are absent, then councilmembers present at the meeting elect a member to serve.

Town Council is composed of seven members. A quorum is a majority of the members (4.) There are some motions that require a positive or super majority to be approved. In that case five members are required to adopt such motion. For example, to establish that an exigent (emergency) circumstance exists to add a business item to the agenda upon which the public will not have an opportunity to speak; to suspend rules to allow discussion on a topic, or to end debate.

Council acts by ordinance, resolutions, and motions.

State Law §5-7-260 specifies actions that require ordinances: (1) Adopt or amend an administrative code or establish, alter or abolish any municipal department, office or agency; (2) Provide for a fine or other penalty or establish a rule or regulation in which a fine or other penalty is imposed for violations; (3) Adopt budgets, levy taxes, except as otherwise provided with respect to property tax levied by adoption of a budget, pursuant to public notice; (4) Grant, renew or extend franchises; (5) Authorize the borrowing of money; (6) Sell or lease or contract to sell or lease any lands of the municipality, annex land; and (7) Amend or repeal any ordinance described in items (1) through (6) above.

Town Council adopts resolutions, which are documents prepared to support a specific action. View adopted resolutions at www.surfsidebeach.org/resolutions.

Town Council acts by motion for most business. Sometimes council motions are referred to as ‘a resolution of council,’ but that is not to be confused with the resolution document mentioned before.

The mayor has authority to issue proclamations to support events or to declare special recognition. Proclamations may be viewed at www.surfsidebeach.org/proclamations.

The Town Council is the legislative body of the town and as such establishes laws (ordinances), sets policy, adopts a budget, and appoints the town administrator, the town clerk, and board, commission and committee members.

The town administrator is responsible for the operation of the town. The town clerk is the legislative administrator.

Members of Town Council cannot hold any other position of honor; be a town employee, or serve on any of the town’s committees. However, some councilmembers are appointed by motion as liaisons to committees.

Freedom of Information Act. This Act is also referred to as “The Sunshine Law.” FOIA was adopted by the State Legislature to ensure that you have access to the town’s business. Governor Henry McMaster said, “As public servants we should always endeavor to maintain the public’s trust and confidence in their government. In that spirit, I hope you will remember, ‘When in doubt—disclose.’” The town responds to inquires in accordance with the Act. Town Council has adopted nominal fees that generally are waived, except when the requests are very complex. This is a link to the document the town uses to respond to FOIA inquiries: <https://scpress.org/public-officials-guide-to-the-foia/> or visit <http://www.surfsidebeach.org/foia-inquiries>

Contact the town clerk at 843.913.6333 or email dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org if you have questions or want more information.

Notes from Town History

04/30/64 The police officer was authorized to buy a gun (no mention of buying bullets!)

06/18/64 The garbage truck driver's salary was raised to \$40/week

07/02/64 Police chief Bob Shirk was hired @ \$350/week to work 10-12 hours per day or as needed; he received a paid vacation but it had to be scheduled during the winter

08/20/64 Council decided all minutes would be signed by council; the town's fire truck was operational

09/03/64 The tax levy was 40 mils

10/29/64 A survey performed by Dollie Shirk and Elinor Ayers determined that there were 880 residents in town

12/03/64 Surfside Drive paved

01/21/65 Election day set for Tuesday, March 9, 1965, the filing fees were \$5 for Council and \$15 for Mayor

04/06/76 Tax millage was raised to 95 mils

05/17/76 The first Municipal Election Commission was appointed. Ed Curlee (6-years), Judy King (4-years); and Robert Duke (2-years)

07/12/76 A public hearing was held to determine the election

method and terms of office for council

07/19/76 First reading of ordinance to establish non-partisan, 4-year staggered terms for council

10/11/76 Upon motion of James A. Calhoun, one of the town's original developers, public beach access (of 30' or less intended for walkways) was preserved

12/07/76 Cable rates of \$6.50 per month were raised to \$7.75 beginning 01/01/77

03/28/78 Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals established

09/21/82 Tax millage adopted at 105 mils



Who do you Call?

The Town has many departments and often times duties within the departments overlap. How do you know who to call? **When all else fails, call 843.913.6111 and staff can help you.**

The Town Code of Ordinances is online at www.surfsidebeach.org/ordinances. The online code is a convenience; **do not rely on the web version for final decisions.**

Administration 843.913.6333
Chapter 1 Code of Ordinances; Chapter 2 Administration; Chapter 5 Municipal Elections; Chapter 12 Streets, Sidewalks, Beaches, Other Public Places; Contact Town Councilmembers; Submit Freedom of Information Requests; Official Town Code; Boards, Commission & Committee Information; Meeting schedules

Events 843.650.9548
Participate in Town Events; Event Schedules; Rent Dick M. Johnson Civic Center or Floral Clubhouse

Human Resources 843.913.6111
Chapter 11 Personnel; Job Openings; Applications; Employee Benefits

Finance 843.913.6342
Chapter 4 Business Licenses; Hospitality & Local Accommodations Tax payments; Business Licenses; Accounts Payable

Fire 843.913.6369
Call **9-1-1** if it is an emergency! *Chapter 6 Fire Protection and Prevention; Smoke Alarm inspections and replacements; Fire Inspections.*

Municipal Court 843.913.6337
Chapter 10 Municipal Court; Pay fines; Trial Information

Planning, Building & Zoning 843.913.6341
Chapter 2.5 Alcoholic Beverages; Chapter 3 Animals; Chapter 4 Business Licenses, Permits, et seq.; Chapter 12 Streets, Sidewalks, Beaches, Other Public Places; Chapter 13 Buildings and Building Regulations; Chapter 14 Flood Damage Prevention; Chapter 14.5 Land Development & Use; Chapter 15 Land Development Regulations; Chapter 17 Zoning; Permits for construction; tree cutting; home improvements, alterations or repairs, plan reviews, allowable property uses

Police 843.913.6368
Call **9-1-1** if it is an emergency!
Chapter 2.5 Alcoholic Beverages; Chapter 3 Animals; Chapter 8 Miscellaneous Offenses; Chapter 9 Motor Vehicles, Traffic; Chapter 12 Streets, Sidewalks, Beaches, Other Public Places; Beach services; Loud Noises; Lost dogs; Report Suspicious Activity; Abandoned Vehicles.

Public Works 843.913.6360
Chapter 3 Animals; Chapter 7 Health & Sanitation; Chapter 12 Streets, Sidewalks, Beaches, Other Public Places; Commercial & Household trash; Public Restroom Maintenance; Dog Park Maintenance; Broken Playground Equipment; Pot Holes; Drainage Problems; Report Illegal Dumping

Town Hall 843.913.6111
General Inquiries; Dog Licenses; Parking Decals; Town Merchandise

Emergency Calls 9-1-1

**Town of Surfside Beach
The Family Beach**



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Surfside Beach Town Council Directory

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If you want to speak with a member, call the town clerk at 843.913.6333 to get the member's personal telephone number.

First Class Mail

Please deliver to addressee or current occupant.

Surfside Beach Town Directory

Any Emergency—Dial 9-1-1 (Fire, Police, Rescue)

Town Hall Main Number	843.913.6111
Town Hall Fax	843.238.5432
Town Administrator	843.913.6111
Town Clerk	843.913.6333
Events, Recreation, Civic Center	843.650.9548
Finance Department	843.913.6111
Fire Department (non-emergency)	843.913.6369
Municipal Court	843.913.6337
Planning, Building & Zoning	843.913.6341
Police Department (non-emergency)	843.913.6368
Public Works	843.913.6360

Town Hall: 115 US Highway 17 North

Civic Center: 829 Pine Drive North

Dog Parks: 1st Avenue North & Willow Drive

Fire Department: 821 1st Avenue North

Floral Clubhouse: 617 Lakeside Drive

Huckabee Complex: 499 Spanish Oak Drive

Martin Field: 6th Avenue South & Dogwood Drive

Passive Park & Veterans Memorial : Surfside & Willow Drives

Pier: Ocean Boulevard at the end of Surfside Drive

Planning Building & Zoning: 829 Pine Drive North

Police Department: 811 Pine Drive North