



PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of Surfside Beach

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION – TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010

This notice contains corrections and changes to previously published public notice. Please note change of filing dates for candidates.

The Town of Surfside Beach Municipal Election Commission announces that a general election for the Town of Surfside Beach will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. 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.

Three (3) council seats are to be elected, each with a 4-year term beginning May 11, 2010, and ending May 13, 2014. Candidates must be registered voters and residents of the Town of Surfside Beach. Proof is required.

Filing will be open at Surfside Beach Town Hall located at 115 US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC and dates of filing has changed to begin on January 25, 2010 until January 29, 2010, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or by appointment made in advance with the town clerk, 843.913.6333 or e-mail her at spinnell@surfsidebeach.org. Filing fees are \$25.

Polling Locations: Precinct #1: Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, on Pine Drive directly behind Town Hall; and Precinct #2: Calhoun Hall, Surfside United Methodist Church, 13th Avenue North, Surfside Beach.

Qualifications for Voting: Citizens desiring to vote in the upcoming election must be duly registered on the Horry County Books of Registration as an elector at the precinct in which he or she offers to vote by March 6, 2010 (30 days prior to the election). Citizens must present his or her voter registration certificate or drivers license at the polling place. You may contact the County Board of Voter Registration (843.915.5440), or visit the Horry County Library-Surfside Beach Branch in the Fuller Park Complex on Surfside Drive, to register. To receive a duplicate voter registration card, or to obtain an absentee ballot, please contact the Horry County Election Commission. Requests must be made by the party wishing to vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are *not* available from town hall. Return-addressed envelopes containing absentee ballots will be picked up at the Horry County Election Commission and may begin at 2:00 p.m. on Election Day at Surfside Beach Town Hall.

Challenged Ballot & Certification Hearing will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at Surfside Beach Town Hall. Any protest must be filed by 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010. A run-off election, if necessary, will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

Successful candidates must receive a majority of the votes cast for the seat for which he or she has filed. Majority is calculated by totaling the total number of votes casts for the seat, divided by the number of seats, divided by two. For example, three candidates are running for a council seat. There are 1233 total votes cast in the election. Candidate A received 310 votes, candidate B received 617 votes, candidate C received 306 votes. After totaling the votes and dividing by 2, the sum is 616.5. Candidate B would win the election because candidate B received in excess of the majority. Even though the excess is just .5, it is still in excess and sufficient to win. If additional seats were to be filled, the candidates with the next two highest number of votes would participate in a runoff.

Candidates **MUST** provide the following at the time of filing—**No exceptions:** current voter registration card, proof of residency (SC drivers license, or other evidence) and pay \$25, as applicable, filing fee. Candidates must also complete a statement of candidacy, statement of economic interest, and campaign disclosure form at the time of filing.

Contact town clerk at 843.913.6333 or email: spinnell@surfsidebeach.org for additional information.