



SURFSIDE BEACH MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 115 US HIGHWAY 17 NORTH, SURFSIDE BEACH, SC 29575
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016 ♦ 10:00 A.M.
www.surfsidebeach.org - ☎ (843) 913-6111 ☎ (843) 238-5432

Municipal Election Commission Agenda

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Tuttle
2. **BUSINESS** - Special Election to fill an unexpired term
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments.** (5-minutes per speaker)
4. **COMMISSION COMMENTS**
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly and by the authority thereof this ____ day of May 2016.

Robert F. "Bob" Childs, Mayor

Timothy Courtney, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Ron Ott, Town Council

David Pellegrino, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

Vacant Seat

Attest:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk



PUBLIC NOTICE - TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH

SPECIAL ELECTION – TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016

**CANDIDATE FILING OPEN FRIDAY,
MAY 27, 2016 AT 12 NOON UNTIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016 AT 12 NOON**

The Town of Surfside Beach Municipal Election Commission announces that a Special Election for the Town of Surfside Beach will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016. 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.

Office included in the Special Election is:

Town Council One (1) Seat to fill an unexpired term ending May 8, 2018

Candidate Filing Opens Friday, May 27, 2016 at 12 Noon and ends Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 12 Noon. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age; registered electors, and town residents for at least 30 days. Filing fee for Town Council is \$25. Walk-in candidates welcomed during stated hours or by appointment (after hours available when made in advance) scheduled with the town clerk.

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 Friday, July 8, 2016. 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.

Absentee Ballots: *Absentee ballots must be requested from the Horry County Elections office (843.915.5440) no later than Friday, July 8, 2016.* You may vote absentee *in person* at Horry County Elections & Registration, 1515 4th Avenue, Conway, until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8th.

The Municipal Election Commission will begin the process of examining return-addressed absentee envelopes at 7:00 p.m. on Election

Day in Surfside Beach Council Chambers, 115 US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC.

Challenged Ballot & Certification Hearing will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at Surfside Beach Council Chambers, 115 US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC.

Protests: Candidate protest must be filed in writing by 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2016 in the office of the town clerk.

Run-Off Election: Any run-off election, if necessary, will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, August 23, 2016.

Successful Candidate. The successful candidate 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, and dividing by 2. A number in excess of the majority is required to be considered successful. If one or more candidates receive a number of votes in excess of the majority, then the candidate with the highest number of votes shall be deemed successful.

For more Information, or to schedule a filing appointment, contact the town clerk at 843.913.6333 or dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org, or visit www.surfsidebeach.org/electionscomm.html.

Special Ad/May 19 and 26





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Special Ad/August 4





**Statement of Candidacy
Special Municipal Election – August 9, 2016
Office of Town Council**

I hereby file notice that I am a candidate for election to the office of **Town Council** for the Town of Surfside Beach in the election to be held August 9, 2016 to fill an unexpired term ending May 8, 2018.

The filing fee for the office of town council is \$25. Cash ___ Check # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone: Cell _____ Home _____

Work _____ Voter Registration # _____

Guideline for a Candidate's Name to appear on the ballot (SC Code §7-13-325):

- A given name or a derivative may be used
- The name may not contain quotations, parentheses, or other distinguishing marks or titles
- Nicknames are allowed if they are used in good faith for honest purposes and do not: *imply professional or social status; include an office or military rank, or Exceed 15 letters*

YOUR NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT:

I hereby certify that I am a qualified elector and resident of the Town of Surfside Beach, and I further acknowledge that upon execution of this Statement of Candidacy that I am officially a candidate in the 2016 Town of Surfside Beach (TOSB) Municipal Election and that permission is given to the TOSB to publish my contact information and photographs in connection to said election.

I hereby affirm that I meet, or will meet by the time of the general election, the qualifications to hold this office.

Candidate's Signature: _____ 

Statement of Candidacy and payment received by the undersigned by authorization of Town of Surfside Beach Town Code of Ordinances §5-31(2) and (3). Sworn to before me this _____ day of January, 2016 at _____ .m.

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk
Notary Public in and for SC
My Commission Expires 01/07/2024

South Carolina Ethics Commission Forms. You are required to file *electronically* a **Statement of Economic Interest** [TOSB §5-32(b)] and a **Campaign Disclosure Form** [TOSB §5-33] with the South Carolina Ethics Commission. Questions about proper filing should be directed to the Ethics Commission: telephone 803.253.4192 or <http://ethics.sc.gov>.

NOTICE: if the Campaign Disclosure form is not electronically filed within five (5) days of the established deadline, an initial fine of \$100 is required. After notice has been given by certified mail that the form has not been filed, the fine increases at \$10 per day for the first ten (10) days, and \$100 per day for each additional day the form is not filed. CONTACT THE ETHICS COMMISSION IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. It is the **responsibility of the candidate to electronically file** this form.

I hereby acknowledge that I have been advised that I am required to file a Campaign Disclosure Form and Statement of Economic Interest electronically with the SC Ethics Commission and understand that fines will be assessed for late filing.

Use of Town Resources Prohibited: Use of town resources and the town logo are prohibited for campaign purposes.

Campaign Signs: Town Code §8-68(c) All political campaign posters or signs posted for national, state, or local elections for public office shall be limited in size to a maximum of four (4) square feet. All election campaign posters and signs shall be removed within five (5) days following election.

Candidate Acknowledgment: _____ 

Date: _____, 2016.

Sworn to before me this _____
day of _____, 2016.

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General Information

Compensation: Town Council - \$6,000/yr (\$500/month). Members may receive per diem of \$80 per travel day for approved out of town travel, which is taxable income. (receipts are not required)

Members Elect

Swearing-in will be on September 13, 2016 during the regular council meeting. The term ends May 8, 2018.

SC Ethics Commission - <http://ethics.sc.gov/>; sandra@ethics.sc.gov; 803.253.4192 - **ALL candidates must file a statement of economic interest with SEC prior to being seated. Fines are imposed if you do not do so.**

Councilmembers elect will receive town council packages. Please let the town clerk know your delivery instructions.

Surfside Beach - Town Code www.surfsidebeach.org or visit www.municode.com specifically Chapter 5: Elections and §8-68(c) Political signs

Surfside Beach - Town Clerk dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org; 843.913.6111 (main) or 843.913.6333 (direct)

SC Election Commission - <http://www.scvotes.org/>; elections@elections.sc.gov; 803.734.9060

Receipt acknowledged this _____ day of _____ 2016.

Candidate

Mayor
Robert F. Childs

Administrator
Micki Fellner

Town Clerk
Debra E. Herrmann, CMC



Town Council
Tim Courtney
Mark L. Johnson
Ron Ott
David Pellegrino
Randle Stevens

Town of Surfside Beach

May 11, 2016

Surfside United Methodist Church
Attn: Board of Trustees
800 13th Avenue North
Surfside Beach, SC 29575

RE: August 9, 2016 General Municipal Election – Precinct #2 – Surfside United Methodist Church

Dear Trustees:

The Town respectfully requests your approval to use the Church's facilities for a special election on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 to elect a councilmember. Polls will be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Should a runoff election be necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016 from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Please arrange for the door to be opened for the poll managers who will arrive around 6:15 a.m.

Please let me know if any additional information is required, and as always, we appreciate your providing a venue for the town elections.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC
Town Clerk