



## **PUBLIC NOTICE - Town of Surfside Beach**

### **General Municipal Election - Tuesday, April 5, 2016 and Special Election – Tuesday, April 5, 2016**

#### **Candidate filing open January 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. until January 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**

The Town of Surfside Beach Municipal Election Commission announces that a General Election and a Special Election for the Town of Surfside Beach will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 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.

Offices included in the **General Election** are:

- Mayor One (1) Seat - Term beginning May 10, 2016 and ending May 12, 2020
- Town Council Three (3) Seats - Term beginning May 10, 2016 and ending May 12, 2020

Office included in the **Special Election** is:

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

Candidate Filing Opens Monday, January 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and ends Friday, January 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age; registered electors, and town residents for at least 30 days. Filing fees: Mayor \$50; Town Council \$25. Walk-in during stated hours or appointments may be scheduled with the town clerk. Town Council candidates may sign up for either or both the full term seats and/or the unexpired term.

Pursuant to Town Code §5-31(2), all candidates are required to appear in person to file a Statement of Candidacy and must provide the following at the time of filing:

- Voter Registration Card
- Proof of Age, candidates must be at least 18 years of age
- Proof of residency for at least 30 days
- Filing fee of \$50 for Mayor, or \$25 for Town Council (cash or check)

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 March 4, 2016. Surfside Beach electors must present a valid voter registration certificate with a photo attached; or a South Carolina drivers license, or other approved photo ID at the polling place. Contact Horry County Board of Voter Registration (843.915.5440), or Horry County Library-Surfside Beach Branch to register to vote.

Absentee Ballots: Absentee ballots must be requested from the Horry County Elections office (843.915.5440) no later than Friday, March 4, 2016. 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, April 7, 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, April 7, 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, April 19, 2016.

General Election Successful Candidates. Successful candidate(s) 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 cast 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, and candidate C received 306 votes. After totaling the votes and dividing by 2, the sum is 616.5. Candidate B would win a seat, 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 votes cast would participate in a runoff.

Special Election Successful Candidate. The total number of votes cast divided by two. The successful candidate in the special election shall be the candidate with the highest number of votes in excess of the number.

For more Information, or to schedule a filing appointment, contact the town clerk at 843.913.6333 or [dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org](mailto:dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org), or visit [www.surfsidebeach.org/electionscomm.html](http://www.surfsidebeach.org/electionscomm.html).