

July 19, 2011 City of Beaufort Special Election for City Council

Candidate Information Packet

Qualifications for Office:

1. Must be a registered voter in good standing in the State of South Carolina.
2. Must be a resident of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina.
3. Meet filing deadline of 12:00 noon on June 4, 2011.

Steps to Becoming a Candidate:

1. Verify voter registration status at http://www.scvotes.org/check_your_voter_registration, or by calling the Beaufort County Board of Elections at (843) 255-6900. Make note of your voter registration number.
2. Complete the "STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY – NONPARTISAN" form, which is included in this package.
3. File the completed "STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY – NONPARTISAN" form and the applicable filing fee of \$150 with the Beaufort County Board of Elections at 15 John Galt Road, Beaufort, SC. **NOTE: MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "THE CITY OF BEAUFORT."**
4. File "STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS" and "CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE" forms with the South Carolina Ethics Commission. **These forms must be filed online.** Forms, requirements, and filing instructions are available from the State Ethics Commission: <http://ethics.sc.gov/>
5. **"STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY – NONPARTISAN" and applicable filing fee must be received by the Beaufort County Election Commission no later than 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 4, 2011 in order to have your name placed on the ballot. Late submissions will not be accepted per SC Code of Laws §5-15-70.**

Candidate Dos and Don'ts

A nickname may be used on the ballot if it does not exceed 15 letters, does not imply professional or social status, is a derivative of your given name properly acquired or bears no relation to your given name but it is used in good faith.

It is permissible for a candidate to be stationed outside the polling place but within the above stated 200 foot area, greet voters and solicit votes, provided there are no complaints by voters to the managers regarding this activity, or as long as in the managers judgment there is no disruption of the orderly election process. Candidates may not display or distribute campaign literature within this 200 foot area. A candidate may wear a badge no larger than 4 ¼" x 4 ¼" within 200 feet of the entrance to the polling place. This label may contain the candidate's name and office sought.

The candidate may enter the polling place, but the candidate's badge must be removed before entering (*Section 7-25-180 (b)*). A candidate may not actively campaign inside the polling place. Candidates and poll watchers should be permitted to look at the voter registration list in the polling place, provided that they do not interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and no one is waiting in line to vote.

A candidate or member of a candidate's paid campaign staff, including volunteers reimbursed for time expended on campaign activity, may not request an absentee ballot application for any person unless that person is a member of their immediate family.

It is unlawful for any person to procure votes in an election by threat, intimidation, coercion, mistreatment, or abuse; or by the payment, delivery, or promise of money or other article of value.

Placing posters on telephone/utility poles may be considered destruction of private property. Also, the staples and nails left in the poles are very dangerous for the workers who must climb these poles during an emergency. Utility companies ask candidates to not place signs on these poles.

Statement of Intention of Candidacy - Nonpartisan

- This form must be completed by a candidate seeking nonpartisan office. Contact the receiving authority for filing deadlines.
- The S.C. Constitution prohibits a person who has been convicted of a felony from filing for public office for 15 years after the completion of the sentence, including probation and parole time, unless previously pardoned.

Name			
Office <p style="text-align: center;">CITY COUNCIL</p>			
County or City CITY OF BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA		Election Date JULY 19, 2011	
Address	City	Zip	
Email Address			
Telephone	Cell	Home	Work
Voter Registration Number			
Guidelines for a Candidate's Name to appear on the ballot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A given name or a derivative may be used • The name may not contain quotations, parentheses, or other distinguishing marks • Nicknames are allowed if they are used in good faith for honest purposes and do not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Imply professional or social status ▪ Include an office or military rank ▪ Exceed 15 letters 			
Name as you wish it to appear on ballot (please print)			
Phonetic spelling of name for audio ballot, e.g., Keyserling – (Ki-sir-ling)			
Candidate's Oath <i>I affirm I meet, or will meet by the time of the general or special election, the qualifications for this office.</i>			
Candidate's Signature			

To be Completed by Receiving Authority			
Date Received	Time Received	Filing Fee Amount Paid	
Received By		Receiving Authority	

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
CITY OF BEAUFORT SPECIAL ELECTION**

The Municipal Election Commission of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina announces the special election for the City of Beaufort to be Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Any person wishing to register to vote in this election must do so no later than June 19, 2011. The purpose of this election is to fill a vacant City of Beaufort city council seat for the remainder of the unexpired term which ends in November, 2012.

Citizens desiring to be candidates for this office may file at the Beaufort County Board of Elections and Registration, 15 John Galt Road, Beaufort, South Carolina. Books will be open for filing at 12:00 noon on May 13, 2011 and remain open during regular business hours until 12:00 noon on June 4, 2011. The filing fee for the office of city council is \$150.

At 9 a.m. on Election Day, the poll managers will begin examining the absentee ballot return envelopes. This examination will be held at 15 John Galt Road, Beaufort, South Carolina.

On Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at 15 John Galt Road, Beaufort, South Carolina, the City of Beaufort Municipal Election Commission will hold a hearing to determine the validity of ballots challenged in this election.

The following precincts will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.:

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
Beaufort 1 (Part)*	Charles L. Brown Activity Center (Formerly Greene Street Gym) 1001 Hamar Street Beaufort, SC 29902
Beaufort 2	
Beaufort 3	
Burton 2C (Part)*	Love House Ministries 423 Parris Island Gateway Beaufort, SC 29906
Burton 3 (Part)*	Robert Smalls Middle School 43 Alston Road Beaufort, SC 29906
± Seabrook 3 (Part)*	
Lady's Island 1B (Part)*	Lady's Island Elementary School 73 Chowan Creek Bluff Rd Beaufort, SC 29907
± Lady's Island 3B (Part)*	
Mossy Oaks 1A	Conerstone Christian Church 2301 First Boulevard Beaufort, SC 29902
Mossy Oaks 1B (Part)*	Beaufort Middle School 2501 Mossy Oaks Road Beaufort, SC 29902
Mossy Oaks 2	Mossy Oaks Elementary School 2510 Mossy Oaks Road Beaufort, SC 29902

± These precincts are not at their normal polling locations. They are temporarily relocated for this election only.

* Only voters who are registered inside the city limits of the City of Beaufort may vote in this election.