RESOLUTION NO.: R-2021-072

Authorizing Notice of 2021 Election for Mayor and Councilmembers from District 1,
District 4 and one At Large Seat

WHEREAS, a regular election for Mayor and Councilmembers from District 1, District 4 and one At Large Seat of City Council is required on November 2, 2021 pursuant to City Code Sec. 6-1, et. seq; and,

WHEREAS, Notice of Election is required at least ninety (90) days in advance; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina this 15th day of July, 2021, that the attached Notice of Election shall be published in The State Newspaper on Sunday, July 11, 2021 and Sunday, July 25, 2021, and the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of such notice to the South Carolina Ethics Commission.
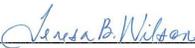
Requested by:

City Clerk _____

Approved by:

_Teresa B. Wilson_____
City Manager

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

Introduced: 6/15/2021
Final Reading: 6/15/2021

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Erika D. M. Hammond
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL ELECTION

The Municipal Election Commission of the City of Columbia announces the general election for the City of Columbia to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

The following offices shall be included in this election:

Mayor for term ending December 31, 2025
Councilmember from District 1 for term ending December 31, 2025
Councilmember from District 4 for term ending December 31, 2025
Councilmember for at-large seat for term ending December 31, 2025

The polling places for this election are:

Ward 1	Lourie Senior Center	1650 Park Cir
Ward 2	Marion Street Apartments	1930 Marion St
Ward 3	Reformation Lutheran Church	1118 Union St
Ward 4	Logan Elementary School	815 Elmwood Ave
Ward 5	Pacific Memorial Park	200 Wayne St
Ward 6	Bradley Elementary	3032 Pine Belt Rd
Ward 7	W A Perry Middle School	2600 Barhamville Rd
Ward 8	David Swinton Campus Center	1616 Oak St
Ward 9	Prince Hall Masonic Lodge	2324 Gervais St
Ward 10	A C Moore Elementary	333 Etiwan Ave
Ward 11	Ben Arnold Recreation Center	1100 S Holly St
Ward 12	Hand Middle School	2600 Wheat St
Ward 13	Rosewood Elementary	3300 Rosewood Dr
Ward 14	Sims Park	3500 Duncan St
Ward 15	Melrose Park	1500 Fairview Dr
Ward 16	Dreher High School	3319 Millwood Ave
Ward 17	Brennen Elementary	4438 Devereaux Rd
Ward 18	Carver-Lyon Elementary	2100 Waverly St
Ward 19	Latimer Manor Community Center	100 Lorick Cir
Ward 20	Earlewood Park Community Center	1111 Parkside Dr
Ward 21	Arden Elementary	1300 Ashley St
Ward 22	Eau Claire High School	4800 Monticello Rd
Ward 23	Shandon Fire Station	2847 Devine St
Ward 24	Kilbourne Park Baptist	4205 Kilbourne Rd
Ward 25	Kilbourne Park Baptist	4205 Kilbourne Rd
Ward 26	Thompson Funeral Home Community Room	845 Leesburg Rd
Ward 29	Alcorn Middle School	5125 Fairfield Rd
Ward 30	Arsenal Hill Park	1800 Lincoln St
Ward 31	Hyatt Park Gym	950 Jackson Ave
Ward 32	Charles R Drew Wellness	2101 Walker Solomon Way

Ward 33	Martin Luther King Park	2300 Greene St
Ward 34	Pinehurst Park	2300 Pinehurst Rd
Ardincaple	EE Taylor Elementary	200 McRae St
Beatty Rd**	Pine Grove Elementary	111 Huffstetler Dr
Bluff	Bluff Road Park	148 Carswell Dr
Brandon 1	Annie Burnside Elementary	7300 Patterson Rd
Brandon 2	Annie Burnside Elementary	7300 Patterson Rd
Caughman Road	Caughman Rd Park	2800 Trotter Rd
College Place	John P Thomas Elementary	6001 Weston Ave
Dennyside	Denny Terrace Gymnasium	6429 Bishop Ave
Dentsville**, Fairlawn**, Keels 2**, Keenan	Sanders Middle School	3455 Pine Belt Rd
Edgewood	Burton-Pack Elementary	111 Garden Dr
Fairwold, Lincolnshire**	Pendergrass-Fairwold Elementary	5935 Token St
Greenview	Greenview Park	6700 David St
Gregg Park	Shandon Baptist Church	5250 Forest Dr
Hampton	S Kilbourne Elementary	1400 S Kilbourne Rd
Harbison 1	Harbison Community Center	106 Hillpine Rd
Harbison 2	New Heights Baptist Church	5501 Broad River Rd
Kingswood	Columbia High School	1701 Westchester Dr
Lykesland	Caughman Road Elementary	7725 Caughman Rd
Mallet Hill	Polo Road Elementary	1250 Polo Rd
Meadowfield	Meadowfield Elementary	525 Galway Ln
Meadowlake	Meadowlake Park	600 Beckman Rd
Mill Creek	Mill Creek Elementary	925 Universal Dr
Oak Pointe 1	Oak Pointe Elementary School	1 River Bottom Rd
Olympia	Olympia Learning Center	621 Bluff Rd
Parkridge 1	Harbison Fire Station	131 Lake Murray Blvd
Parkridge 2	Grace United Methodist	410 Harbison Blvd
Pennington 1	Kings Grant Club House	300 N Kings Grant Dr
Pennington 2	Asbury Memorial Methodist	1005 Asbury Dr
Pine Grove**, Walden	Pine Grove Elementary	111 Huffstetler Dr
Pine Lakes 2	Garners Ferry Soccer Complex AAC	8620 Garners Ferry Rd
Polo Road	Polo Road Park	730 Polo Rd
Pontiac 1, Valhalla**	Pontiac Elementary	500 Spears Creek Rd
Pontiac 2	Catawba Trail Elementary	1080 Old National Hwy
Ridgewood	Ridgewood Baptist Church	5326 Ridgeway St
Riverside, Westminster**	Virginia Wingard Methodist Church	1500 Broad River Rd
Riverwalk	Episcopal Church/St Simon/St Jude	1110 Kinley Rd
St. Andrews	St. Andrews Middle	1231 Bluefield Dr
Skyland	True Gospel Ministries	901 Skyland Dr
South Beltline	Sherwood Forest Pres Church	4325 Wilmot Ave

Trinity	Trinity Assembly of God	1501 Hallbrook Dr
Woodfield	Richland Northeast High	7500 Brookfield Rd
Woodlands	Woodlands Park	6500 Old Knight Pkwy
Lexington County:		
Challedon	Leaphart Elementary	120 Piney Grove Rd
Quail Valley	St. Andrews Presbyterian Church	6952 St Andrews Rd
**Precincts with less than 10 voters in the City of Columbia were combined for this election.		

People desiring to vote in the upcoming election must be registered in person by Friday, October 1, 2021; online by Sunday October 3, 2021 or postmarked mail by Monday, October 4, 2021. To register, one must contact the County Board of Voter Registration.

Citizens desiring to be candidates for one of the above listed offices must pay the required fee and file a Statement of Intention of Candidacy with the City Clerk, 3rd floor, City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Books will be open for filing on Monday, August 2, 2021 at noon, and remain open during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.) until Friday, August 13, 2021 at noon. No Statement of Intention of Candidacy will be accepted after noon on Friday, August 13, 2021.

The filing fee for the office of Council is $530.00.

The filing fee for the office of Mayor is $1,000.00.

This is a nonpartisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.

The polls shall open at 7:00 a.m. on Election Day and close at 7:00 p.m. Within forty-eight hours after the closing of the polls, any candidate may contest the result of the election as reported by the managers by filing a written notice of such contest together with a concise statement of the grounds therefor with the Municipal Election Commission. Within forty eight hours after the filing of such notice, the Municipal Election Commission shall, after due notice to the parties concerned, conduct a hearing on the contest, decide the issues raised, file its report together with all recorded testimony and exhibits with the clerk of court of the county in which the municipality is situated, notify the parties concerned of the decisions made, and when the decision invalidates the election the council shall order a new election as to the parties concerned.

 Neither the mayor nor any member of council shall be eligible to pass on the issues arising in any contest in which he is a party. (S.C. Code Sec. 5-15-130, et seq.)

At 9:00 a.m. on said Election Day the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes. This examination will be held the Richland County Administration Building, 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

On Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Richland County Administration Building, 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina, the Municipal Election Commission shall hold a hearing to determine the validity of ballots challenged, if any, in this election.

Any run-off will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.