## PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING AND ELECTION

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

#### COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

<u>Candidate Filing Period:</u> The candidate filing period for County Council District 1 Primary for Dorchester County will open at noon on November 29, 2024, and close at noon on December 7, 2024. Any candidate seeking a political party's nomination for this office must file with the Dorchester County Board of Voter Registration and Elections during this period.

Filing Location: Kenneth Waggoner Building, 201 Johnston St., St. George, SC 29477

**Filing Hours:** Weekdays: 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

\*\*(Closed Day After Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29, 2024)

**Filing Form:** The Statement of Intention of Candidacy & Party Pledge (SICPP) form required for filing is available in the "Candidate Information" section of <u>scVOTES.gov</u> and at the county elections office.

**Filing Fee:** The filing fee for this office is \$400.08. Filing fees are paid at the time of filing by candidates seeking the nomination of a party nominating by primary. Filing fee checks must be made payable to the appropriate state political party. Candidates seeking the nomination of a party nominating by convention do not pay a filing fee.

<u>State Ethics Filings</u>: Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at <u>ethics.sc.gov</u>. Failure to file these documents may result in a candidate fine but will not disqualify a candidate from the election. Contact the State Ethics Commission for more information.

<u>Notice of Primary:</u> At the close of filing, if a party's primary is necessary to determine the party nominees (multiple candidates file for a party), a primary will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. If a runoff is necessary, a runoff election will be held on Tuesday, February 4, two weeks after the first election.

# **Registering to Vote**

Any person wishing to vote in this primary must do so no later than 30 days prior to the election. The last day to register in-person is Friday, December 20, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. Voter registration by mail forms will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, December 23, 2024. Voter registration online, by fax, or by email must be entered no later than Sunday, December 22, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

- Visit the Office of the Dorchester County Voter Registration and Elections Office at 201 Johnston Street, St. George, SC 29477. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Visit the website: https://scvotes.gov/

Absentee Voting: Registered electors who cannot vote in person on the day of the election and who will be out of the county for the duration of early voting may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballot application requests can be obtained from the Dorchester County Voter Registration and Elections Office. You may call 843-563-0132, visit, or send your request by U.S. mail to the Dorchester County Voter Registration Office, 201 Johnston Street, St. George, SC 29477. You must provide your name, date of birth, and last four digits of your Social Security Number.

 Deadline to apply for absentee ballot for Primary Election Friday, January 3, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.

**Early Voting:** Early voting begins on Monday, January 6, 2025, and ends on Friday, January 17, 2025. The Early Voting center listed below will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed Saturday and Sunday).

St. George Civic Center, 303 Ridge Street, St. George, SC 29477

**Absentee Ballot Examination:** At 9:00 a.m. on the day of the primary elections, the Board of Voter Registration and Elections Commission will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at the Elections Warehouse, 235 Deming Way, Summerville, SC 29483.

<u>Provisional Ballot Hearing:</u> On Thursday, January 23, at 10:00 a.m., the Dorchester County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in the primary election. This hearing will be held at the Kenneth F. Waggoner Building, County Council Chambers, 201 Johnston Street, St. George, SC 29477.

Registered voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs at their polling place.

- S.C. Driver's License
- ID Card issued by the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with a Photo
- Federal Military ID
- U.S. Passport

If you have one of these IDs, you are ready to vote. Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without a Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles or their county voter registration office.

# **Election Day:**

The following precincts and polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Precinct	Location	Address
		1504 W Main St
Rosinville	Indian Field Fire Station	Harleyville, SC 29448
		303 Ridge St
St. George No. 2	St. George Civic Center	St. George, SC 29477
		5361 E Bilton Blvd
St. George No. 1	St. George Senior Citizen Center	St. George, SC 29477
		3336 Wire Rd
Grover	Grover Fire Station	St. George, SC 29477
		6800 Johnston Ave
Reevesville	Reevesville Fire Station	Reevesville, SC 29471
		145 Hill St
Harleyville	Odyssey Educational Center	Harleyville, SC 29448
•		1650 E Main St
Four Hole	Harleyville Elementary School	Dorchester, SC 29437
		507 School House Rd
Rosses	Dorchester Career School	Dorchester, SC 29437
		387 S Railroad Ave
Ridgeville	Clay Hill Elementary School	Ridgeville, SC 29472
	Canaan United Methodist Church –	171 Highway 61
Givhans	Family Life Center	Ridgeville, SC 29472
		312 N Laurel St
Carolina	Summerville Senior Citizens Center	Summerville, SC 29483
		407 S Laurel St
Dorchester	Summerville Presbyterian Church	Summerville, SC 29483
		600 Minus St
Indian Field	St. George Middle School	St. George, SC 29477
		1003 Dubose School Rd
Butternut	Reeves Elementary School	Summerville, SC 29483
		847 Orangeburg Rd
Cypress	Knightsville Elementary School	Summerville, SC 29483
		1005 Dubose School Rd
Clemson 3	Dubose Middle School	Summerville, SC 29483
	Canaan United Methodist Church –	171 Hwy 61
Givhans 2	Family Life Center	Ridgeville, SC 29472
		600 Minus St
Indian Field 2	St. George Middle School	St. George, SC 29477
		500 Bryan St
North Summerville 2	Alston Middle School	Summerville 29483
		387 S Railroad Ave
Ridgeville 2	Clay Hill Elementary School	Ridgeville, SC 29472