

**Ordinance Number: 497**

**An Ordinance Entitled:**

**Fixing the Date of Election of Mayor and Members of Council in Wards 2,4,6 for the Term Beginning March 1, 2010 and to End the Last Day of February 2014.**

Whereas, Section 5-15-10 et.seq. Of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, (1976), as amended, set forth the provisions relative to the adoption of an ordinance governing election procedures in nonpartisan municipal elections; and

Whereas, it now appears that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Belton, South Carolina to enact an Ordinance governing the nonpartisan elections for the offices of Mayor and Council Members and to adopt a procedure in accordance with South Carolina Law.

Therefore, Be It Ordained by the City Council for the City of Belton, South Carolina that:

Section I. Each candidate who desires to offer himself for the position of Mayor or Council Member for the City of Belton and who desires to have his or her name placed on the ballot for the nonpartisan general elections, shall file a Statement of Candidacy in accordance with Section 5-15-70 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976) as amended, with the Municipal Election Commission (the City Clerk) at the City Hall of Belton, South Carolina during the regular office hours. Each Statement of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Election Commission (the City Clerk) between December 1, 2009 at 8:00 am and December 10, 2009 at 12:00 noon; and the Commission (the City Clerk) shall place the name of the candidate on the ballot. This provision shall not exclude any candidate from being elected by virtue of receiving a majority of "write-in" votes, 'majority' as defined in Section 5-15-62 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, provided such person is qualified as set forth hereinafter.

Section II. The Statement of Candidacy shall contain the following information: the name of the person offering his or her self for office; the designation of the position for which the candidate seeks office; the address of the candidate, the Ward in which the candidate resides; the Candidate's Voter's Registration Certificate Number.

Section III. In order to qualify, each person filing for the Office of Mayor must submit a filing fee of \$50.00 and for Council Member must submit a filing fee of \$25.00 to the City Clerk at the time of filing his or her Statement of Candidacy.

Section IV. All persons offering themselves for candidacy for Mayor or Council Member shall be qualified electors of the municipality and all Council Members must be qualified electors of the ward they seek to represent.

Section V. Pursuant to Section 5-15-20(4) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina

(1976), as amended a candidate for the office of Council Member shall be a resident of the Ward he or she seeks to represent but shall be elected from the municipality at large.

Section VI. The Council Member for Ward 2, Ward 4, Ward 6 and Mayor shall be elected for a period of four years and shall serve as such beginning on March 1, 2010 through the last day of February, 2014.

Section VII. The aforementioned nonpartisan election shall be held at the Belton National Guard Armory, Blue Ridge Avenue on February 9, 2010. Polls shall open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.


Section VIII. The nonpartisan election and run-off election method as prescribed in Section 5-15-62 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, shall be utilized to determine the results of the nonpartisan elections.

Section X. This Ordinance ratified this 6 day of October, 2009.

First Reading 9/1 2009

  
Rufus Callaham, Mayor

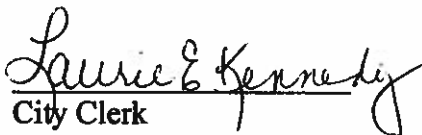
Second & Final Reading 10/6 2009

  
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