

Ordinance Number: 2011-506

Fixing the Date of Election of Members of City Council in Wards 1,3,5 for the Term Beginning March 1, 2012 and to End the Last Day of February 2016

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 is now appropriate for the City of Belton, South Carolina to enact an Ordinance governing the nonpartisan elections for the offices of Councilmembers 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 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 November 30, 2011 at 8:00 am and December 9, 2011 at 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 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 Councilmember shall be qualified electors of the municipality and all Councilmembers 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 Councilmember 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 Councilmember for Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5 shall be elected for a period of four years and shall serve as such beginning on March 1, 2012 through the last day of February, 2016.

Section VII. The aforementioned nonpartisan election shall be held on February 7, 2012. 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 IX. Voting Wards and Managers are as follows:

SIX WARDS (At National Guard Armory)

Ward Number 1 Managers _____

Ward Number 2 Managers _____

Ward Number 3 Managers _____

Ward Number 4 Managers _____

Ward Number 5 Managers _____

Ward Number 6 Managers _____

Section X. This Ordinance ratified this 21 day of November, 2011.

First Reading 11/7/2011

Rufus Callahan
Rufus Callahan, Mayor

Second & Final Reading 11/21/2011

Jean Martin
Jean Martin, Councilmember Ward 1

Hattie S. Green
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Laurie E. Kennedy, City Clerk

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