

**Ordinance Number: 519**

**An Ordinance Entitled: Setting the Date of a Special Election for Filling the Vacancy of City Council in Ward 5 for a Term to End the Last Day of February 2018.**

Whereas, Section 7-13-190 Of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, (1976), as amended, set forth the provisions relative to the adoption of an ordinance governing special 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 Special Election for the office of Council Member Ward 5 to fill the vacancy created as a result of that Council Member's election into the position of Mayor, and to adopt a procedure in accordance with South Carolina Law; and

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 or herself for the position of Council Member Ward 5 for the City of Belton and who desires to have his or her name placed on the ballot for the nonpartisan special election, 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) during regular business hours beginning Friday May 16, 2014 at 12:00 noon and ending Tuesday May 27, 2014 12:00 noon. 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 and telephone number 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 Council Member shall be a qualified elector of the municipality and must be a qualified elector of Ward 5 in which 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 Ward 5 but shall be elected from the municipality at large.

Section VI. The Council Member for Ward 5 shall be elected for a period ending the last day of February 2018 thus filling the Ward 5 vacant office created by the Council Member being elected as Mayor. He or she shall begin to serve on the Monday following the certification of the election.

Section VII. The aforementioned nonpartisan election shall be held on July 22, 2014. 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.

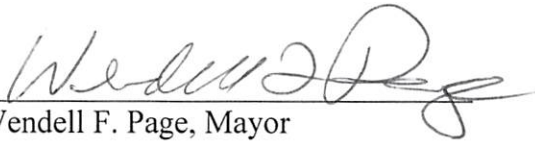
Section IX. Voting Precincts and Managers are as follows:

Belton Precinct: (First Baptist Church-105 Brown Avenue, Belton, SC)  
Belton Annex Precinct: (Belton Elementary School- 202 Watkins St., Belton, SC)

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 12 day of May, 2014.

First Reading 5/6 2014

  
Wendell F. Page, Mayor

Second & Final Reading 5/12 2014

  
James Bright, Council Member Ward 1

  
Hattie Green, Council Member Ward 2

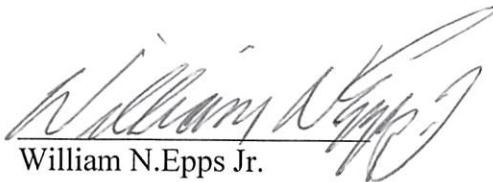
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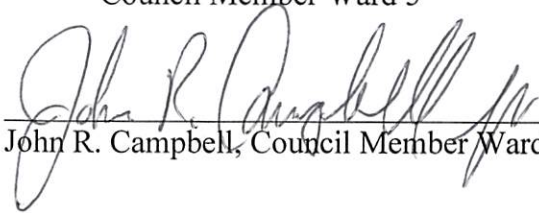
  
Jay West, Council Member Ward 3

  
Laurie Kennedy  
City Clerk

  
Kelli Hembree Council Member Ward 4

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