

ORDINANCE NO. 553

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR
THE JUNE 23, 2021, SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE REMAINING
TERM FOR MAYOR**

WHEREAS, the SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, Section 5-15-10 et seq., 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 election for the office of Mayor and to adopt a procedure in accordance with South Carolina Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, THAT:

Section I. Each candidate who desires to offer himself or herself for the position of Mayor 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, at the City Hall for the City of Belton, South Carolina during their regular office hours. Each Statement of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Election Commission City Clerk between April 23, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) and May 7, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). This provision shall not exclude any candidate from being elected by virtue of receiving a majority of “write-in” votes, ‘majority’ being defined by Section 5-15-62 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended.

A) The Municipal Election shall be held according to the following schedule:

1. Election Tuesday, June 22, 2021
2. Filing Period for Candidates Friday, April 23, 2021 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
through Friday, May 7, 2021 12:00 p.m.
(Noon)
3. Run-off Election, If Necessary Tuesday, July 6, 2021

B) The filing for candidacy shall be initiated at the City of Belton City Hall. Upon completion of the Statement of Intention of Candidacy form, payment of \$50.00 shall be submitted to the City Clerk and Treasurer at City Hall, 306 Anderson Street, Belton, SC 29627.

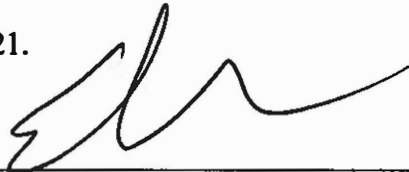
C) All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict. All state laws and city ordinances not inconsistent herewith shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be applicable to all future elections.

D) All persons offering themselves for candidacy for Mayor shall be qualified residents of the City of Belton.

- E) The Mayor shall be elected for the remainder of the current term period and shall serve until November 7, 2023.
- F) This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Council of the City of Belton.

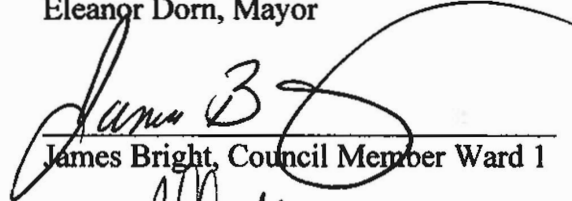
This Ordinance ratified this **4th** day of **May** 2021.

First Reading: **April 12, 2021**

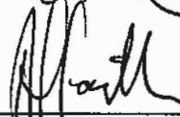


Eleanor Dorn, Mayor

Second & Final Reading **May 4, 2021**



James Bright, Council Member Ward 1



Tony Saville, Council Member Ward 2

ATTEST:



Eleanor Dorn, Council Member Ward 3



Amanda Gambrell
City Clerk




Josh Stephenson, Council Member Ward 4

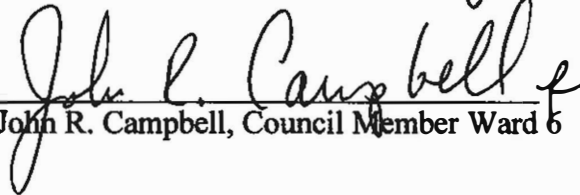
APPROVED AS TO FORM



Lynda McCoy, Council Member Ward 5



Greg R. Steele
City Attorney



John R. Campbell, Council Member Ward 6