

City of Charleston Municipal Election Commission

Municipal General Election November 5, 2019

The filing period for all persons desiring to run as candidates in the City of Charleston's Municipal General Election to be held on November 5, 2019, will open on Monday, August 5, 2019, at 12:00 Noon and will close on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 12:00 Noon, in accordance with Section 11-5 of the Code of the City of Charleston, as amended. Any person desiring to file as a candidate for the office of Mayor, City Council for District 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, or 11, or Commissioner of Public Works must file a Statement of Candidacy and the appropriate filing fee during this filing period.

The filing fee for candidates seeking the office of Mayor is One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars. The filing fee for candidates seeking the office of City Council or Commissioner of Public Works is One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars. (Make checks payable to the City of Charleston.) A candidate filing for a seat on City Council must be a registered voter residing in the District for which he or she files, at the time of the filing. A candidate for the office of Mayor or Commissioner of Public Works must be a registered voter residing in the City of Charleston at the time of filing. Proof of such residency and voter registration must be provided at the time of filing. **The Municipal Election Commission will not place the name of a candidate on the ballot unless the residency and voter registration requirements of Section 11-5 are met.**

In lieu of a candidate filing fee as set forth above, the Municipal Election Commission shall accept the application of any indigent person if said application is accompanied by a notarized affidavit establishing the applicant's indigent status. An indigent person is defined as a person who has gross income less than the most recently published federal poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and who has net assets, including any campaign contributions on hand, of less than Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars.

Filing will be conducted at the City of Charleston Legal Department, 50 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401, (843) 724-3730, during the following hours:

August 5th 12:00 Noon – 5:00 P.M.

August 6th – August 9th 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

August 12th – August 16th 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

August 19th 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

A Statement of Candidacy Form may be obtained from the City of Charleston Legal Department (843-724-3730) at the time of filing or the Statement of Candidacy Form may also be obtained from the City's website at www.charleston-sc.gov/2275/Candidate-Filing-Information.