

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
ELECTRIC UTILITY REFERENDUM
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a referendum will be held in the City of Goose Creek, South Carolina (the "City"), on December 3, 2019 (the "Referendum"), for the purpose of submitting to all persons qualified to vote in the City pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, the following question:

QUESTION

Shall the City Council of the City of Goose Creek, as the governing body of the City of Goose Creek, South Carolina, be authorized to acquire by initial construction or purchase, and thereafter establish, improve, operate and maintain an electric utility system to furnish electric power?

Yes, in favor of the question []

No, opposed to the question []

The question is being submitted pursuant to Article VIII, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended, and a resolution of the City Council of the City of Goose Creek, as the governing body of the City (the "City Council") adopted on September 10, 2019. If a majority of the qualified electors of the City voting in the Referendum approve the question, the City shall be authorized enter into the electric utility business.

Every person offering to vote must be at least 18 years of age on the date of the Referendum, must reside in the City and must be duly registered on the books of registration for the Berkeley County Board of Voter Registration and Elections (the "Election Commission") as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides and offers to vote on or before the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum, and must present either a South Carolina driver's license, another form of identification containing a photograph issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, a passport, a military identification card containing a photograph issued by the federal government, or a South Carolina voter registration card containing a photograph of the voter pursuant to Section 7-5-675 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended. If a voter cannot produce any type of the aforementioned identification at his or her designated precinct, the voter may cast a provisional ballot that is counted only if the voter brings a valid and current photograph identification to the Election Commission before the results of the Referendum are certified.

Any person wishing to register to vote in the Referendum, if registering by mail, must either have such registration postmarked no later than 30 days prior to the Referendum, to the Berkeley County Board of Voter Registration and Elections, Post Office Box 6122, Moncks Corner, SC 29461, or appear in person and register at the Election Commission, at 6 Belt Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461. Any registered elector who has moved his or her place of residence within the City after the date of the Referendum shall be entitled to vote in his or her previous

precinct of residence in the Referendum; provided, however, in case any registered elector shall have moved from one precinct in the City within 30 days prior to December 3, 2019, and shall have surrendered his registration certificate and has received a new certificate, such elector may vote in the precinct provided by such new certificate. Persons who become of age during the 30-day period preceding the Referendum shall be entitled to register before the closing of the books if otherwise qualified.

Any person eligible to register to vote in the Referendum who has been discharged or separated from his service in the Armed Forces of the United States prior to December 3, 2019, and has returned home too late to register at the time when registration is required, is entitled to register for the purpose of voting in the Referendum after the discharge or separation from service, up to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Referendum. This application for registration must be made at the office of the Election Commission, and if qualified, the person must be issued a registration notification stating the precinct in which he is entitled to vote and should be placed on the registration rolls of the precinct.

The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the polling places designated below and shall be open during those hours without intermission or adjournment. Appropriate vote recorders will be provided at the polling places for the casting of ballots on the aforesaid question. Managers of Election will be appointed by the Election Commission. The precincts (or portions thereof) within the City and locations of the several polling places for such Referendum are as follows:

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>
Central	Metro North Church	109 Central Ave.
Carnes Cross Rd 2 & Cobblestone	Pineridge Fire Dept.	565 Myers Rd.
Devon Forest 1 & 2	Devon Forest Elementary	1127 Dorothy St.
Stratford 2, 4, & Stone Lake	Stratford High School	951 Crowfield Blvd.
Westview 1 & 4	Crowfield Baptist Church	100 Hunters Ln.
Westview 2 & 3	Westview Schools	100 Westview Blvd.
Beverly Hills, Boulder Bluff & Medway	Boulder Bluff Elementary	400 Judy Dr.
Howe Hall 1 & 2	Howe Hall Elementary	115 Howe Hall Rd.
Liberty Hall & Pomflant	New Life Christian Church	358 Liberty Hall Rd.
Sedgefield 1, 2, Foster Creek 1, & St James	Sedgefield Middle School	131 Charles B. Gibson Blvd.

Voters who are blind, who are otherwise physically handicapped, or who are unable to read or write are entitled to assistance in casting their ballot. This assistance may be given by anyone the voter chooses except for his employer, an agent of his employer, or an officer or agent of his union. The Managers of Election must be notified if assistance is needed. Voters who are unable to enter their polling place due to physical handicap or age may vote in the vehicle in which they drove, or were driven, to the polls. When notified, such Managers of Election will help voters effectuate this curbside voting provision. Registered voters may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Persons wishing more information concerning absentee balloting should contact the

Election Commission by telephone at (843) 719-4060 or email at webvre@berkeleycounty.gov. At 9:00 a.m. on the day of the election, the Election Commission will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at the offices of the Election Commission, located at 6 Belt Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461. Persons wishing more information concerning absentee balloting should contact the Election Commission by telephone at (843) 719-4060.

After the Referendum, the Election Commission shall hold a hearing on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. on ballots challenged in the election at the office of Election Commission located at 6 Belt Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461. The date of the hearing is subject to change and upon any such change, due notice shall be provided by the Election Commission.