

GENERAL ELECTION AND CANDIDATE FILING NOTICE

The Municipal Election Commission of the Town of Ridgeland announces the General Election and Candidate Filing Notice for Mayor and Two Town Council Seats to be filled for the Town of Ridgeland. The Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Any person wishing to vote in this election must register no later than October 6, 2023. Voter registration by mail forms will be accepted if postmarked by Saturday, October 7, 2023.

The early voting period for this election begins on Monday, October 23 and ends on Friday, November 3. The following early voting center will be open during the early voting period from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (*closed on Saturday, Sundays, and State Holidays*).

Jasper County Board of Elections & Voter Registration**1506 Grays Highway, Unit A****Ridgeland, SC 29936**

Voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs at the polling place.

- S.C. Driver's License
*Includes standard License and REAL ID
- S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card
*Includes standard ID card and REAL ID
*Includes SC Concealed Weapon Permit
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
*Includes all Department of Defense Photo IDs and Veterans Affairs Benefits Card
- U.S. Passport
*Includes US Passport ID Card

If you have one of these Photo IDs, you are ready to vote. Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles or their County Voter Registration Office. Voters who encounter an obstacle getting a Photo ID should bring their paper voter registration card without a photo with them to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the municipal election commission has grounds to believe the affidavit is false. For more information on Photo ID, visit scvotes.gov or contact the Jasper County Board of Voter Registration and Elections.

Citizens desiring to be candidates for one of the above listed offices may file at Ridgeland Town Hall, located at One Town Square, Ridgeland, SC 29936. Candidate Filing will open Friday, August 11, 2023 at 12:00 noon and Candidate Filing will close on Friday, September 1, 2023 at Noon.

Filing Fee for Mayor: \$30.00**Filing Fee for Council Seat: \$20.00**

At 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, the Municipal Election Commission will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at the Jasper County Board of Election & Voter Registration Office, located at 1506 Grays Highway, Unit A, Ridgeland, SC 29936, (843)726-7709.

On Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. the Municipal Election Commission Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election and certify the election results at that time.

Any Runoff will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

The following precincts and polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on election day. Always check your polling place at scVOTES.gov before leaving to vote in any election.

Precincts

Polling Places

103 - GRAHAMVILLE I
MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CENTER FELLOWSHIP HALL
3776 Bees Creek Road, Hwy. 13
Ridgeland, SC 29936

104 - GRAHAMVILLE II
MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CENTER FELLOWSHIP HALL
3776 Bees Creek Road, Hwy. 13
Ridgeland, SC 29936

111 - Ridgeland I
KINGDOM TOUCH MINISTRIES GYMNASIUM
6714 Tillman Road
Ridgeland, SC 29936

112 - Ridgeland II
KINGDOM TOUCH MINISTRIES GYMNASIUM
6714 Tillman Road
Ridgeland, SC 29936

114 - Ridgeland III
KINGDOM TOUCH MINISTRIES GYMNASIUM
6714 Tillman Road
Ridgeland, SC 29936