



Candidate Filing Guide

2025 Municipal Elections

Charleston County



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Dear Potential Candidate,

Welcome to the Charleston County Board of Voter Registration and Elections' Candidate Filing Guide for 2025's municipal elections.

This guide is designed to help you confidently navigate the process of becoming a candidate for public office.

Whether you're running for council, mayor, or another local position, this guide provides clear information to ensure you understand the filing process and are well prepared for your campaign to begin.

Inside this guide, you'll find:

- Important Filing Dates and Deadlines
- Eligibility Requirements
- Filing Procedures and Paperwork
- Campaign Finance Guidelines
- Key Resources for Candidates

We encourage you to carefully review this guide and contact us with any questions or for further support.

Your commitment to public service strengthens our community, and we're here to assist you every step of the way.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isaac Cramer'.

Isaac Cramer
Executive Director

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The following non-partisan candidate offices will appear on ballots this fall. Filing fees and locations vary by office and municipality. Details can be found on the following pages. Potential candidates should confirm all fees and requirements for their desired office. Fees may be paid by check or money order payable to the appropriate municipality.

Town of Awendaw

Mayor

Town Council (3)

City of Charleston

City Council Dist. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12

Comm. of Public Works

City of Folly Beach

City Council (3)

Mayor

Town of Hollywood

Town Council (3)

City of Isle of Palms

City Council (4)

Mayor

Watershed Comm. (2)

Town of James Island

Town Council (2)

Town of Kiawah Island

Mayor

Town Council (2)

Town of Lincolnville

Mayor

Town Council (3)

Town of McClellanville

Mayor

Town Council (4)

Town of Meggett

Town Council (2)

Town of Mount Pleasant

Mayor

Town Council (4)

Watershed Dist. Comm. (2)

Town of Ravenel

Town Council (3)

Town of Rockville

Mayor

Town Council (4)

Town of Seabrook Island

Combined Utilities Comm.

Mayor

Town Council (4)

Town of Sullivan's Island

Mayor

Town Council (3)

Town of Summerville

Comm. of Public Works

Town Council Dist. 1, 3, 5

Town of Awendaw

<i>Filing Period</i>	<i>Filing Location</i>
Friday, Aug. 18 at 12 p.m. to Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 12 p.m.	Awendaw Town Hall <i>6971 Doar Road</i>

<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Mayor	\$100	Candidate must be a qualified elector.*
Town Council • 3 seats	\$50	

*S.C. Const. art. VI, § 1

City of Charleston

<i>Filing Period</i>		<i>Filing Location</i>
Monday, Aug. 4 at 12 p.m. to Monday, Aug. 18 at 12 p.m.		Charleston County Elections Office <i>4340 Corporate Road (North Charleston)</i>
<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
City Council • Dist. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	\$150	Candidate must be a registered voter residing in the district for which he or she files, at the time of filing.*
Comm. of Public Works		Candidate must be a registered voter residing in the City of Charleston at the time of filing. Proof of residency must be provided to BVRE when filing.*

*City of Charleston Code of Ordinances § 11-5(b)

City of Folly Beach

<i>Filing Period</i>	<i>Filing Location</i>
Friday, Aug. 22 at 12 p.m. to Friday, Sept. 5 at 12 p.m.	Folly Beach City Hall <i>21 Center Street</i>

<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
City Council • 3 seats	\$25	Candidate must be qualified elector of the City of Folly Beach. Elected officials must be permanent residents of the city.*
Mayor	\$50	

*City of Folly Beach Code of Ordinances § 31.04(A)(1), § 31.04(B)(1),

Town of Hollywood

<i>Filing Period</i>		<i>Filing Location</i>
Monday, Aug. 4 at 12 p.m. to Monday, Aug. 18 at 12 p.m.		Hollywood Town Hall 5150 SC-165

<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Town Council • 3 seats	\$35	Candidate must be a resident of the Town of Hollywood and a registered voter of Charleston County.*

*Town of Hollywood Code of Ordinances § 18-5.

City of Isle of Palms

<i>Filing Period</i>	<i>Filing Location</i>
Friday, Aug. 29 at 12 p.m. to Monday, Sept. 8 at 12 p.m.	Isle of Palms City Hall <i>1207 Palm Boulevard</i>

<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
City Council • 4 seats	\$100	Candidate must be a qualified elector.*
Mayor	\$300	
Watershed Comm. • 2 seats	\$100	

*S.C. Const. art. VI, §1

Town of James Island

<i>Filing Period</i>		<i>Filing Location</i>
Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 12 p.m. to Monday, Aug. 25 at 12 p.m.		James Island Town Hall <i>1122 Dills Bluff Road</i>

<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Town Council • 2 seats	\$100	Candidate must be a qualified elector and a resident of the Town of James Island.*

*Town of James Island Code of Ordinances § 30.40(A)

Town of Kiawah Island

<i>Filing Period</i>	<i>Filing Location</i>
Friday, Aug. 1 at 12 p.m. to Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 12 p.m.	Kiawah Island Town Hall 4475 Betsy Kerrison Parkway (Johns Island)

<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Mayor	\$50	Candidate must be a qualified elector and a permanent resident of the Town of Kiawah Island.*
Town Council • 2 seats	\$25	

*Town of Kiawah Island Code of Ordinances § 3-108.

Town of Lincolnvile

<i>Filing Period</i>		<i>Filing Location</i>
Monday, Aug. 11 at 12 p.m. to Friday, Aug. 22 to 12 p.m.		Charles Ross Municipal Complex <i>141 West Broad Street</i>
<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Mayor	\$50	Candidate must be a qualified elector.*
Town Council • 3 seats	\$25	

*S.C. Const. art. VI, § 1

Town of McClellanville

<i>Filing Period</i>		<i>Filing Location</i>
Friday, Aug. 1 at 12 p.m. to Friday, Aug. 15 at 12 p.m.		McClellanville Town Hall 405 Pinckney Street
<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Mayor	N/A	Candidate must be a qualified elector.*
Town Council • 4 seats		

*S.C. Const. art. VI, § 1

Town of Meggett

<i>Filing Period</i>		<i>Filing Location</i>
Friday, Aug. 1 at 12 p.m. to Friday, Aug. 29 at 12 p.m.		Meggett Town Hall 4776 SC-165 (Hollywood)

<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Town Council • 2 seats	N/A	Candidate must be a qualified elector and a resident of the Town of Meggett.*

*Town of Meggett Code of Ordinances § 12-8

Town of Mount Pleasant

<i>Filing Period</i>	<i>Filing Location</i>
Monday, Aug. 4 at 12 p.m. to Monday, Aug. 18 at 12 p.m.	Charleston County Elections Office 4340 Corporate Road (North Charleston)

<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Mayor	\$150	Candidate must be a qualified elector.*
Town Council • 4 seats		
Watershed Dist. Comm. • 2 seats		

*S.C. Const. art. VI, §1

Town of Ravenel

<i>Filing Period</i>		<i>Filing Location</i>
Monday, Aug. 11 at 12 p.m. to Friday, Aug. 22 at 12 p.m.		Ravenel Town Hall 5962 SC-165 #100
<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Town Council • 3 seats	\$50	Candidate must be a full-time resident of the Town of Ravenel for at least one year prior to the election of the office sought.*

*Town of Ravenel Code of Ordinances § 2-401(a), § 2-401(b)

Town of Rockville

<i>Filing Period</i>		<i>Filing Location</i>
Friday, Aug. 1 at 12 p.m. to Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 12 p.m.		Charleston County Elections Office 4340 Corporate Road (North Charleston)
<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Mayor	N/A	Candidate must be a qualified elector of the Town of Rockville.*
Town Council • 4 seats		

*Town of Rockville Code of Ordinances § 2.104

Town of Seabrook Island

<i>Filing Period</i>		<i>Filing Location</i>
Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 12 p.m. to Friday, Sept. 5 at 12 p.m.		Seabrook Island Town Hall <i>2001 Seabrook Island Road</i>
<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Combined Utilities Comm.	N/A	Candidate must be a qualified elector.*
Mayor		
Town Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 seats, 4-year terms • 2 seats, 2-year terms 		

*S.C. Const. art. VI, § 1

Town of Sullivan's Island

<i>Filing Period</i>	<i>Filing Location</i>
Tuesday, July 22 at 12 p.m. to Thursday, Aug. 21 at 12 p.m.	Sullivan's Island Town Hall, 2056 Middle Street

<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Mayor	N/A	Candidate must be a qualified elector.*
Town Council • 3 seats		Candidate must file a petition with at least 5% of the qualified, registered electors.**

*S.C. Const. art. VI, § 1

**Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, Code of Ordinances, §6-6. Additional information on seeking nomination via petition can be found on [SCVotes.gov](https://scvotes.gov).

Town of Summerville

<i>Filing Period</i>		<i>Filing Location</i>
Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 12 p.m. to Thursday, Aug. 21 at 12 p.m.		Summerville Town Hall <i>200 South Main Street</i>
<i>Office</i>	<i>Filing Fee</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
Comm. of Public Works	N/A	Candidate must be a qualified elector.*
Town Council • Dist. 1, 3, 5	\$100	Candidate must be a resident of the district for which he or she is seeking.**

*S.C. Const. art. VI, § 1

**Town of Summerville Code of Ordinances § 10-2

FAQs

- Can I withdraw my candidacy after filing? Do I get my filing fee back?

You can withdraw as a candidate. To have your name removed from the ballot, you must withdraw by the 53rd day before the election at 5:00 p.m. Please see the State Election Commission's [Policy on Candidate Withdrawals](#) for more information. Your municipality will decide how the filing fee is handled.

- What are the accepted forms of payment?

You can pay via check or money order.

- What forms are required to file as a candidate?

All candidates must complete a Statement of Intention of Candidacy form or, for Sullivan's Island, submit a petition.

- Do I have to file my campaign finance information?

Yes, please see the [State Ethics Commission's website](#) for more information on deadlines.

- Can I file as a Democratic/Republican/etc. Candidate?

Municipal offices are nonpartisan, and candidates are not affiliated with any party.

- How is the order of candidates determined?

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.

- How can I see who has filed for office?

You can view all candidates via the State Election Commission's [Candidate Tracking System](#).

- This is my first time filing; do you have any advice for me?

Get the word out! Municipal elections tend to have lower turnout and can come down to a handful of votes.

Additional Resources

- [SCVotes - Candidate Page](#)
- [SCVotes - Campaign Finance and Ethics Page](#)
- [SCVotes - Candidate Tracking System](#)
- [State Ethics Commission Website](#)
- [Statement of Intention of Candidacy Form](#)