

PUBLIC NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

TOWN OF BLYTHEWOOD

A general election in Town of Blythewood will be held on Tuesday, November 07, 2023. If a runoff is necessary, a runoff election will be held two weeks after the first election.

The following offices shall be included in this election:

Mayor

2 Town Council Seats

Candidate Filing Period:

Filing Opens: 12:00 noon on Friday, August 25, 2023.

Filing Closes: 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 5 2023.

Filing Hours:

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed September 4, 2023

Filing Locations:

Statements of Intention of Candidacy/Petition will be accepted at Blythewood Town Hall 171 Langford Road Blythewood, SC 29016.

Filing Fee: The filing fee for Mayor is \$ 10.00 and a \$5.00 for office of council member.

Filing fee checks should be made payable to Town of Blythewood.

State Ethics Filings: Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at <http://ethics.sc.gov>. Failure to file these documents may result in a candidate fine but will not disqualify a candidate from the election. Contact the State Ethics Commission for more information.

Registering to Vote: Only the electors living within municipal boundaries of the Town of Blythewood may participate in this election. The last day to register to vote in person for this election is Friday, October 6, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. at the Richland County Voter Registration Office. Voter registration by mail forms will be accepted if postmarked by later than Monday, October 9, 2023. Voter registration online, by fax, or by email must be entered no later than Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 11:59 pm.

- **Visit the Office** of The Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Richland County at 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
- **Visit website:** <https://scvotes.gov/>

Absentee Voting: Registered electors who cannot vote in person on the day of the election and who will be out of the county for the duration of early voting may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Completed applications must be returned no later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day before the day of the election. Absentee ballot application requests can be obtained by phone (803-576-2240) or in person at the Richland County Voter Registration Office, 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, S.C.

Early Voting: Will begin Monday, October 23, 2023, and end Friday, November 3, 2023, at 2020 Hampton Street. Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Absentee Ballot Examination: At 9:00 AM on the day before the election, the Richland County Election Commission will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at The Voter Registration and Elections Office, 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204.

On Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 11:30 am, the Richland County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election. This hearing will be held at The Voter Registration and Elections Office, 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204, County Council Chambers.

Registered voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs at their polling place.

- S.C. Driver's License
- ID Card issued by S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
- U.S. Passport

If you have one of these 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.

The following precincts and polling places will be open during this election from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.:

