

Candidate Information Packet



Election 2026 – November 3, 2026

Qualifications for Office:

1. Must be a registered voter in good standing in the State of South Carolina.
2. Must be a resident of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina.
3. Meet filing deadline of 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 15, 2026.

Steps to Becoming a Candidate:

1. Verify Voter Registration Status here at [SC Board of Elections](#), or by calling the Beaufort County Board of Elections at (843) 255-6900. Make note of your voter registration number.
2. Complete the “STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY-NONPARTISAN” form, which is included in this package.
3. File the completed “STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY-NONPARTISAN” form and the applicable filing fee, \$250.00 for Mayor seat or \$150.00 for Council seats with the City of Beaufort – 1911 Boundary Street, 2nd Floor City Clerk’s Office. **Note: Make Checks Payable to the City of Beaufort.**
4. File “STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST” and “CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE” forms with the South Carolina Ethics Commission. **These forms must be filed online.** Forms, requirements, and filing instructions are available from the SC State Ethics Commission [website here](#).
5. “STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY-NONPARTISAN” and applicable filing fee must be received no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 15, 2026, to have your name placed on the ballot. Late submissions will not be accepted per SC Code of Law S5-15-70.

Statement of Intention of Candidacy - Nonpartisan

- This form must be completed by a candidate seeking nonpartisan office. Contact the receiving authority for filing deadlines.
- The S.C. Constitution prohibits a person who has been convicted of a felony from filing for public office for 15 years after the completion of the sentence, including probation and parole time, unless previously pardoned.

Name								
Office								
County or City				Election Date				
Address				City			Zip	
Email Address								
Telephone	Cell			Home			Work	
Voter Registration Number								
Guidelines for a Candidate's Name to appear on the ballot: ▪ A given name or a derivative may be used ▪ The name may not contain quotations, parentheses, or other distinguishing marks ▪ Nicknames are allowed if they are used in good faith for honest purposes and do not: ▪ Imply professional or social status ▪ Include an office or military rank ▪ Exceed 15 letters								
Name as you wish it to appear on ballot (please print)								

Candidate's Oath	
I affirm I meet or will meet by the time of the general or special election, the qualifications for this office.	
Candidate's Signature	

To be Completed by Receiving Authority					
Date Received		Time Received		Filing Fee Amount Paid	
Received By				Receiving Authority	