

Chapter 6

ELECTIONS*

Sec. 6-1. Elections to be non-partisan.

All regular and special elections conducted in the city shall be non-partisan elections and no political party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot for any candidate.

(Comp. of Ords. 1989, § 4-1)

Sec. 6-2. Date of general elections; public notice.

A general election to fill all offices required to be filled shall be held in even numbered years on the first Tuesday in May; a run-off election, if necessary, shall be conducted two (2) weeks after the first election.

(Comp. of Ords. 1989, § 4-2)

State law reference—Municipal authority to establish time of general elections, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-15-50.

Sec. 6-3. Declaration of candidacy.

Candidates for election as mayor or member of council shall qualify by filing a declaration of candidacy with the Chesnee Election Commission at least thirty (30) days prior to the election. Declarations of candidacy shall be filed by delivery to the clerk of the City of Chesnee. Candidates for the office of mayor shall pay a non-refundable filing fee in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and candidates for council shall pay a non-refundable filing fee in the amount of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00). Filing fees shall be paid at the time of filing the declaration of candidacy.

(Comp. of Ords. 1989, § 4-3; Ord. of 2-24-00)

***Editor's note**—It should be noted that an ordinance adopted May 26, 1989, adopted the Shouptronic Voting Machine System for voting for the City of Chesnee.

Cross references—Administration, Ch. 2; zoning regulations regarding voting places, App. A, § 1F.

State law reference—Elections, S.C. Code 1976, Title 7.

Sec. 6-4. Municipal election commission.

(a) All municipal elections shall be conducted by a municipal election commission composed of three (3) electors who shall be residents of the city and who shall be appointed by the city council.

(b) Commission appointees shall serve for a term of six (6) years except of those first appointed, one shall serve a term of four (4) years and one shall serve a term of two (2) years.

(c) The municipal election commission shall be vested with all the functions, powers and duties as set forth by law.

(d) The municipal election commission shall name three (3) box managers to conduct each election whose compensation shall be paid by the city at the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per election date.

(Comp. of Ords. 1989, § 4-4)

Cross reference—Board, committees, commissions, etc., § 2-146 et seq.

State law reference—Municipal election commission, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-15-90.

Sec. 6-5. Notice of elections.

The mayor and council shall give public notice of all general and special elections at least sixty (60) days prior to such elections.

(Comp. of Ords. 1989, § 4-5)

Sec. 6-6. Time of taking office.

(a) Newly elected officers shall not be qualified pursuant to state law until the first Monday in July next following the date of the general election.

(b) If the results of the election are contested, the incumbent who fills that contested office shall hold over until the contest is finally determined.

(Comp. of Ords. 1989, § 4-6)

Sec. 6-7. City employee regulations.

(a) No employee of the city may use city facilities, equipment or personnel at any time to further his/her own candidacy or the candidacy of any other candidate.

(b) No employee of the city shall use his/her official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the results of an election for nomination for office.

(c) City employees are prohibited from directly or indirectly coercing, attempting to coerce, commending or advising a state or local officer or employee to pay, lend or contribute anything of value to a party committee, organization, agency or person for political purposes.

(d) City employees are prohibited from being a candidate for public elective office in a partisan election.

(e) Violation of any of the above sections shall constitute grounds for dismissal of the employee.
(Ord. of 1-14-93)

Sec. 6-8. Voting machine system.

The city adopts the Shouptronic Voting Machine System of voting is now and forever more until changed by amendment in council session.
(Ord. of 6-1-89)