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Town of Bluffton Municipal Election set for November 4, 2025,
Filing Period begins Friday, August 8, at 12 noon and will close Friday, September 8, 2025,
at noon. Late filings cannot be accepted

The Town of Bluffton Municipal General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Voters may cast their ballot for two Town Council seats. Those seats are currently held by Councilmember Fred Hamilton and Councilmember Emily Burden. All mayor and town council seats are at-large and non-partisan.

Candidates wishing to file for the offices of Town Council and appear on the ballot for the November 4, Town of Bluffton Municipal Election must do the following.

1. Must be a South Carolina registered voter who resides within the Town of Bluffton.
2. Go online to the SC Election Commission Website to obtain and complete a Statement of Intention of Candidacy – Non-Partisan Form. Form can be accessed at

<https://scvotes.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/SEC-FRM-1008-200912-Statement-of-Intention-of-Candidacy-Nonpartisan.pdf>

3. Recommended filing procedure: Make an appointment with Town Clerk Marcia Hunter. Please complete & bring the required Statement of Intent of Candidacy – Nonpartisan form, government issued identification card, voter registration card and filing payment to appointment. Marcia Hunter can be reached via (email) mhunter@townofbluffton.com or (Office) 843.706.4505.

4. Pay the required filing fee (\$100 for Town Council) in-person at 20 Bridge Street with Town Clerk Marcia Hunter.
5. Candidates are also reminded they are required to complete forms required by the South Carolina Ethics Commission online at <https://ethics.sc.gov/campaigns>. Town Clerk Marcia Hunter will provide a packet of information for each candidate after he or she files. This packet will include further instructions about all requirements and how to set up an account with the SC Ethics Commission.

The Town of Bluffton operates under a Council-Manager form of government, with a mayor and four additional council members, all of whom are elected at-large. Beginning in January 2026, Council members are compensated \$17,000 annually for their service. The mayor is compensated \$25,000 annually. Council member terms are staggered every two years. Each term is 4 years in length.

In accordance with the Town of Bluffton Code of Ordinances, and the South Carolina Code of Laws, election results are determined under the nonpartisan election and runoff election method. If needed, a runoff election will be held Tuesday, November 18. A runoff election is required if an insufficient number of candidates fail to receive the majority of the vote. Majority vote is determined by dividing the number of votes cast by the number of seats to be filled and then dividing that resulting number by two.

Voter Registration Information:

Voters must be registered to participate in this election. Any person wishing to register to vote for this election must do so by the following deadlines:

- Email, fax, or online registration closes at least 30 days prior to the election
- Registration by mail must be postmarked at least 30 days prior to the election
- Beaufort County offices of the Board of Voter Registration and Elections are located at 15 John Galt Road in Beaufort or the Bluffton Satellite Office at Myrtle Park Government Center, 4819 Bluffton Parkway in Bluffton. The Myrtle Park location is only open on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. It is located in Room 138.
- For specific information regarding registering to vote:

<https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/vote/How%20to%20Register%20to%20Vote.html>

Further Registration Status Information:

- To check voter registration status, verify precinct or polling locations, please visit the Beaufort County Board of Voter Registration and Elections at www.bcgov.net/vote, or call them at 843-255-6900.
- If residents are unsure if they are a Town of Bluffton resident or if they live in the unincorporated parts of Beaufort County, otherwise known as “greater

Bluffton," please check your address within the "Am I in Bluffton?" Map. The link is: <https://www.townofbluffton.us/bluffton/>

- Only Town of Bluffton residents can vote in Town of Bluffton elections.

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