

SAMPLE ORDINANCE CHANGING ELECTION DATES FOR
NONPARTISAN PLURALITY METHOD - §5-15-61

ORDINANCE No. _____
AMENDING SECTION _____ OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHANGING THE DATES FOR HOLDING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, S.C. Code §5-15-50 provides that the time for holding general and special elections shall be set by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is desired that the nonpartisan election dates be changed to promote voter turnout;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City/Town of _____ South Carolina, that Section _____ of the Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Section _____ Election Dates.

(a) Regular nonpartisan elections pursuant to the plurality method authorized in S.C. Code §5-15-61 shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in [April/November] in each [even/odd] numbered year.

(b) In the event of a tie vote for any office, a runoff election shall be held pursuant to S.C. Code §5-15-125 two weeks following the election in which the tie vote occurred.

(c) Special elections to fill vacancies shall be held pursuant to S.C. Code §7-13-190. All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

This ordinance shall be effective upon preclearance under §5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

First Reading: _____

Mayor

Adoption Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk

NOTE: Ordinance provisions setting specific dates for filing, certification, taking office, etc. should be amended to conform.

Election Form 1

Election Form 3

SAMPLE ORDINANCE CHANGING ELECTION DATES FOR
NONPARTISAN ELECTION/RUNOFF METHOD - C5-15-62

ORDINANCE No. _____
AMENDING SECTION _____ OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHANGING THE DATES FOR HOLDING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, S.C. Code §5-15-50 provides that the time for holding general and special elections shall be set by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is desired that the nonpartisan election and runoff dates be changed to promote voter turnout;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City/Town of _____ South Carolina, that Section _____ of the Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Section _____ Election Dates.

(a) Regular nonpartisan elections pursuant to S.C. Code §5-15-62 shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in [April/November] in each [even/odd] numbered year.

(b) A runoff election, if necessary pursuant to S.C. Code §5-15-62, shall be held two weeks following the election.

(c) In the event of a tie vote for any office, a runoff election shall be held pursuant to S.C. Code §5-15-125 two weeks following the election in which the tie vote occurred.

(d) Special elections to fill vacancies shall be held pursuant to S.C. Code §7-13-190. All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

This ordinance shall be effective upon preclearance under §5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

First Reading: _____

Mayor

Adoption Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk

NOTE: Ordinance provisions setting specific dates for filing, certification, taking office, etc. should be amended to conform.

Election Form 2

Election Form 3

SAMPLE ORDINANCE CHANGING ELECTION DATES FOR
NONPARTISAN PRIMARY/GENERAL ELECTION METHOD - §5-15-63

ORDINANCE No. _____
AMENDING SECTION _____ OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHANGING
THE DATES FOR HOLDING MUNICIPAL PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, S.C. Code §5-15-50 and §5-15-70 provide that the times for holding primaries, general and special elections shall be set by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is desired that the nonpartisan primary and election dates be changed to promote voter turnout;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City/Town of _____ South Carolina, that Section _____ of the Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Section _____ Primary and Election Dates.

(a) Nonpartisan primary elections pursuant to S.C. Code §5-15-63 shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in [Month] in each [even/odd] numbered year.

(b) Nonpartisan general elections pursuant to S.C. Code §5-15-63 shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in [April/November] in each [even/odd] numbered year.

(c) In the event of a tie vote for any office, a runoff primary or election shall be held pursuant to S.C. Code §5-15-125 two weeks following the primary or election in which the tie vote occurred.

(d) Special elections to fill vacancies shall be held pursuant to S.C. Code §7-13-190.

All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

This ordinance shall be effective upon preclearance under §5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

First Reading: _____

Mayor

Adoption Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk

NOTE: Ordinance provisions setting specific dates for filing, certification, taking office, etc. should be amended to conform.