**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF COTTAGEVILLE**

**NOTICE TO FILE AND SPECIAL ELECTION**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Voter Registration & Elections Board of Colleton County announces the **Town of Cottageville Special Election to be held Tuesday, May 14, 2024** for the purpose of electing **one Town Council Member for the unexpired term ending in 2027.**

Such election will be held in accordance with the statutes of the State of South Carolina and ordinances of the Town of Cottageville governing elections.

**Anyone desiring to be a candidate for this office may file at the Cottageville Town Hall located at 72 Salley Ackerman Drive in Cottageville.** **Filing opens at noon Monday, March 4, 2024 until noon Friday, March 15, 2024. Filing fee is $50.00 for Town Council.**  To obtain the *'Nonpartisan Statement of Intention of Candidacy'* form, please visit [www.scVotes.gov/candidate information](http://www.scVotes.gov/candidate%20information) then select *'Filing for Municipal or other Nonpartisan Offices'*. All candidates must also file the *‘Statement of Economic Interest’* and *‘Campaign Disclosure’* forms with the State Ethics Commission. These forms must be completed online at [www.ethics.sc.gov](http://www.ethics.sc.gov).

**This is a non-partisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.**

Only persons who live within the Cottageville town limits and are registered to vote prior to the deadline of April 14, 2024 will be eligible to vote in this election. To register, visit the Voter Registration & Elections Office at 2471 Jefferies Hwy, Walterboro, SC 29488 or register online at [www.scVotes.gov](http://www.scVotes.gov) until Sunday, April 14 at 11:59 p.m. Voter registration by mail applications will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, April 15, 2024.

Absentee ballots may be requested from the Voter Registration & Elections Office now (843-549-2842). Persons wishing to participate in Early Voting may go to the Voter Registration & Elections Office located at 2471 Jefferies Highway in Walterboro Monday - Friday, April 29 – May 10 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. There is no Early Voting on Saturday.

**Election Day voting will be held at the Cottageville Town Hall located at 72 Salley Ackerman Drive in Cottageville. The poll opens at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 7:00 p.m.**

At 9:00 a.m. on Election Day, the Colleton County Board will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at the Voter Registration & Elections Office located in Walterboro.

On Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., the County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election. This will take place at the Voter Registration & Elections Office. For more information, please contact us by phone at 843-549-2842 or email us at voterregistration@colletoncounty.org.

Any run-off will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

**BY ORDER OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS BOARD OF COLLETON COUNTY**